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### ARITHMETIC

The outline that follows covers the subject matter of arithmetic which training classes should master. Should previous preparation render it unnecessary to spend much time on the review indicated, the work may be broadened by additional topics and additional mental problems. Emphasis should be placed upon the best method of teaching the topics studied.

#### I Number

- 1 Concrete
- 2 Abstract

#### II Notation and numeration

- 1 Arabic
- 2 Roman
- 3 Drill in reading and writing by both the Arabic and Roman systems

#### III The fundamental operations

- 1 All combinations of the digits
- 2 Development of written processes
- 3 Use of signs and equations
- 4 Applications
  - a oral, with practice
  - b written, with special attention to forms of explanations

#### IV Properties of numbers

- 1 Classification
- 2 Tests of divisibility
- 3 Factoring
- 4 Divisors and multiples

#### V Common fractions

- 1 Explanation and definition of the fraction and fractional unit
- 2 Terms
- 3 Reduction

4 Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, with special attention to development of processes

5 Applications

## VI Decimal fractions

1 Derivation

2 Reading and writing decimals

3 Fundamental processes developed

4 Applications

## VII Aliquot parts

Applications

## VIII Denominate numbers

1 Tables, common and metric units

2 Practical problems

3 Measurements and their application

4 Longitude and time

## IX Percentage

1 Principles

2 Problems

*a* general

*b* commission

*c* stocks

*d* profit and loss

*e* insurance

*f* taxes

*g* duties and excise taxes

*h* interest, simple, compound, partial payments

*i* discount — true, bank

*j* partnership

## X Ratio and proportion

## XI Involution and evolution

1 Powers

2 Roots

3 Square root

4 Cube root

5 Applications

## Observations and suggestions

The object of the study of arithmetic is twofold: first, utility; second, training.

The work of the first five years should make the pupil familiar with the fundamental operations, common and decimal fractions, and their application to simple problems which fall within the

observation and experience of the pupil. As early as the second year problems should be used which apply in concrete form the combinations of numbers already presented. As the work progresses the number of such practical problems should be increased, until, in the fifth year, at least one-half the recitation time should be given to the solution of problems. This work should be largely oral. The pupil should first state the problem, then in connected sentences give the solution, with the reason for each step taken.

Problem making should become an important feature. Under the direction of a resourceful teacher pupils will acquire facility in the creation of problems and in their oral solution. When a pupil presents a problem he should be able to solve it. He should give a clear and complete solution, and at the same time avoid useless repetitions.

The drill work for the first years should systematically cover the combinations necessary to a mastery of the fundamental operations. This work should proceed from the concrete to the abstract, until the pupil can rapidly and accurately perform the operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing simple numbers, fractions and decimals. Speed should never be attempted at the expense of accuracy, and yet rapidity in the use of numbers should always be sought as essential to highest excellence. Accuracy and rapidity depend on the same concentration of mind as leads to correct judgment upon each step. Oftentimes the greater rapidity of action, the less opportunity for that diversion of thought which results in error. It is an established fact that the most rapid accountants are usually the most accurate. Speed tests in computation by the use of definite time limits should be frequently employed. Practice with number cards and like devices, using two numbers at one time, while of great value, can not take the place of long columns for addition, or of large numbers for the other fundamental operations.

The natural desire of a child for self-achievement should be encouraged. Care should be taken not to do for him what he ought to do for himself. Self-reliance should be stimulated by encouraging him to work independently in the solution of problems, and by appreciative recognition to successful individual effort. That this course of developing lifters and not leaners may be successful, work must progress only so fast as it can be completely mastered.

There is a difference between telling a pupil how to operate

and suggesting how he may learn to operate. The teacher who can give proper suggestions has a valuable asset in his work, but the one who only tells fosters weakness and helplessness in the grades that go far to explain the inability of high school pupils to master algebra and geometry.

Processes should be developed before rules are called for. Certain "constants" must be memorized for instant use. Among these are the most common aliquot parts, the tables of denominative numbers, and certain values deduced from these tables or from other sources. Among such values are the number of feet in a mile, rods in a mile, square rods in an acre, acres in a square mile, cubic inches in a gallon or bushel, inches in a meter, ratio of circumference to diameter of the circle, or of the square of the radius to the area of the circle.

Denominative numbers should first be taught by the use of actual units in the hands of the pupils, and such use should be continued until accurate concepts are formed.

Diagrams, models of type solids, and tablets representing type surfaces should be used in the solution of problems involving measurements. After pupils have acquired a mastery of the fundamental operations and of the use of common and decimal fractions, only part of the problems in the ordinary textbooks need be worked to secure the numerical result. Time is often given to long operations which might better be used in indicating the necessary steps to be taken in solution, or in concisely telling just how the problem can be solved, and giving the reasons therefor.

Much oral work should be done in percentage, and when percentage problems are thus solved the pupil should ordinarily think of the rate as a common fraction and work accordingly. Thus, in the example: A man sold a hat for \$2.25 and gained  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent; what was the gain? the pupil should see that \$2.25 is nine-eighths of the cost and give the analysis accordingly.

It is advisable to use but one method of working examples in simple interest. The 6 per cent method is recommended. Pupils should be drilled to give mentally the interest at 6 per cent on \$1 for any number of years, months and days. When facility in this is acquired, the working of any example in simple interest is merely a matter of multiplication if the rate is 6 per cent; and with any other rate, the interest should first be found at 6 per cent and this result increased or diminished as the case may require.

While but one method of work is recommended for an oft-repeated process like that of computing interest, yet in many other kinds of problems which can be solved in various ways, pupils may advantageously be asked for more than one solution. A pupil in finding a number of solutions for a simple problem develops more power than in using the same form of solution for working a dozen similar problems. When various solutions are presented they should be duly compared and preference should be given to that which is most direct.

Consider the following example: A man purchased 600 bushels of potatoes at 40 cents a bushel; he sold one-fourth of them for 60 cents a bushel, one-half of the remainder for 50 cents a bushel, and the remainder for 30 cents a bushel; what was the result of the transactions? In this problem it is natural for a pupil to find the total cost, the three selling amounts, then take the difference between the cost and total amount received. Much the simpler way is to note 20 cents gain on each of 150 bushels, 10 cents gain on each of 225 bushels, 10 cents loss on each of 225 bushels.

The advantage of short processes should be emphasized. Pupils should be taught how to test the accuracy of their work. For this purpose they should frequently state and solve another problem whose answer will prove the accuracy of the original work. In the example, What is the interest of \$225 for 3 years and 7 months at 7 per cent? a "check problem" would be: If the interest on \$225 for 3 years and 7 months is \$56.4375, what is the rate?

Most of the work in the metric system should be simple, in the main consisting of changing values from the common to the metric system or the reverse. As a basis for this work the actual units should be placed in the hands of the pupils and by their use the comparative values thoroughly learned.

#### **PSYCHOLOGY AND PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION**

To make psychology of value in the training of teachers, it is necessary definitely to understand its purpose. It does not aim to make skilled psychologists nor to discuss fine psychic theories. It is necessarily brief and elementary. Each step has direct bearing upon the work of the whole course in that it aims to answer the question *why* in the selection of matter, in method and in discipline. When and how a child is to be encouraged, guided, corrected, is determined in the last analysis by the infallible laws of mind action. A clear, concise knowledge of these laws in their application to the school is the purpose of this study.

To accomplish this, it is necessary, first, to understand the fundamental processes and how they are related, then to make application of this knowledge in the work of teaching.

In acquiring the first result, the pupil should ordinarily use but one textbook, such supplementary explanation as is necessary being done by the teacher. The reason for this is that in a subject so entirely new and unrelated to previous study, the pupil is often confused by the differences in nomenclature and in methods of treatment.

The fact as presented must first be clearly apprehended from the text. Too often, however, the topic is dropped at this stage, violating the very principle of method for which psychology should show the reason. Next comes the subjective verification. By repeated experiments the pupil must learn to comprehend and analyze the different states and activities in his own consciousness. He must, for example, out of his own experience, recognize sensation, note the process of judgment, verify the laws of association. If he stops here, he may have a little knowledge of the subject, but he will fail in objective application, and that is the real goal of this work. The third step then is to aim to understand the mental processes of another through one's own activities. It is not enough for the pupil to determine the elements that enter into his own judgments, but he must learn to analyze the judgment of another with a view to strengthening or correcting it. It is not enough to classify a particular emotion, but it is also essential to know why certain stimuli in the child will arouse certain emotions.

These then — (a) textbook exposition, (b) subjective and (c) objective verification and application — are in their order the three steps in understanding the primal phases of the mind in its various conditions and operations. (d) Finally there should be accurate definition based not upon verbal memory but upon the result of the processes above indicated.

The course begins with the study of the intellectual processes; when these are comprehended, the way is open for the consideration of feeling with its attribute of pleasure and pain and for the analysis of the operations that tend toward action.

#### *A Descriptive psychology — mental phenomena*

##### I Knowing

Introduction — relation of mind to body

*a dependence of mind upon nervous system*

*b* elements of nervous system

*c* function of nerves, spinal cord, cerebellum, cerebrum

*d* afferent and efferent nerves — reflex action

*e* the senses

*f* "reaction time"

*Representative faculties*

1 Sensation

*a* physical factors

*b* psychic factors

*c* sensations classified as to (1) kind — organic and special,  
(2) degree of intensity — Weber's law

*d* possibility of pure sensation

*e* result of loss of sensation

2 Perception

*a* prehensive element — dependence upon immediate sensation

*b* apprehensive element — dependence upon past sensation

*c* percept

*Representative faculties*

3 Memory and imagination

*a* relation of memory to (1) the senses, (2) percepts

*b* powers involved in memory: (1) retention, (2) reproduction, (3) recognition

*c* formation of images — distinction between image and percept

*d* constructive imagination — its possibilities and limitations

*e* idea defined and compared with percept

*Elaborative faculties*

4 Conception — first step in thinking

*a* the several processes involved in conception: (1) presentation, (2) comparison, (3) abstraction, (4) generalization, (5) denomination

*b* its relation to perception and memory

*c* concept defined and compared with percept and idea

*d* how words get their meaning — making a vocabulary

5 Judgment — second step in thinking

*a* sources of material for judgment

*b* process of judgment — comparison of ideas

*c* the proposition — its elements

- 6 Reasoning — third step in thinking
  - a judgments furnish material
  - b processes: (1) inductive, (2) deductive — value of each, their interrelation
  - c the syllogism — in parts
  - d reasoning by analogy — its advantages, disadvantages
- II Feeling — passive compared with knowing, active; an effect due to the presence of its appropriate object
  - 1 Attributes of pleasure and pain — their purpose in life
  - 2 Intensity of feeling dependent upon intensity and duration of stimulus
  - 3 Caused by
    - a peripheral excitation
    - b idea
  - 4 Emotions and simple feeling — relation analogous to that between perception and sensation
    - a presence of idea in emotion
    - b kinds of emotion: (1) egoistic, (2) altruistic, (3) intellectual, (4) esthetic, (5) moral, the last three being called sentiments
- III Will — “the attentive guidance of our conduct”
  - 1 Desire — its relation to
    - a feeling
    - b intellect
  - 2 Deliberation — its basis in experience; its relation to judgment; its significance
    - a subjectively — doubt
    - b objectively — hesitation
  - 3 Decision — its relation to feeling and to reason
  - 4 Action voluntary — compared and contrasted with the several forms of involuntary action
    - a reflex
    - b impulsive
    - c instinctive

To this point the course concerns itself with the demarcation and definition of the different mental phenomena. Now emphasis should be laid on (a) the mind's complexity of operation and (b) the unity of mind. In the simplest operation many states are involved. Knowing, feeling and willing can not be isolated from each other, or from their physical concomitants; nor even any one phase of these from all others. Therefore, the work should now be reviewed

and intensified by showing this complexity — for example, how a simple act of perception embraces emotion, volition, and even memory, judgment and conception.

The way is then made clear for comprehending the entirety of consciousness in its duration and degrees of intensity.

#### *A<sup>1</sup> Descriptive psychology — the mind a unit*

Introduction — consciousness

- 1 Its definition based on the previous study
- 2 The resultant definition of psychology
- 3 Conscious and subconscious states in their relation to memory ; “ threshold of consciousness ” ; unconsciousness

#### **I Attention —“focusing of consciousness”**

- 1 Dependent upon
  - a physical condition
  - b quantity and quality of stimulus
- 2 Kinds
  - a reflex
  - b voluntary — its relation to will
- 3 Observation — a series of connected acts of attention
  - a perceptual element
  - b attention involving will — arousing interest
  - c interpretation of elements perceived
  - d observation and experiment — new element in the latter

#### **II Interest —an emotion — how it affects attention**

- 1 Kinds
  - a natural } their relation to sensation, memory,
  - b acquired } judgment etc.
- 2 Relation of will to interest

#### **III Association of ideas — impossibility of an isolated idea**

- 1 Relation of association to memory, to thought
- 2 Laws of association
  - a association by contiguity
  - b association by similarity or contrast

#### **IV Apperception—“Association is one form of apperception; thinking another”**

- 1 Determined by
  - a experience
  - b perception
- 2 Effect upon thinking, action and feeling

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<sup>1</sup> Knowing prominent

**V Intuition—intuitive and deliberative judgments compared as to**

- 1 Process
- 2 Frequency
- 3 Use

Feeling prominent

**VI Physical concomitants of feeling, emotion, sentiment**

- 1 Muscular
- 2 Nervous

Will prominent

**VII Habit**

- 1 Its physical factors — relation to activity of muscles and nerves
- 2 Its psychic factors — relation to knowing, feeling and willing
- 3 Laws of habit

**VIII Character — “Character is known by conduct and conduct is the result of habit”**

- 1 Conduct — relation to habit
- 2 Moral judgments
- 3 Phases of development
  - a instincts
  - b imitation
  - c will

The above divisions aim to give a clear elementary knowledge of how the mind works. But for the teacher this is not enough. He must know what mental phenomena are most prominent in the child's life at a particular age and stage of development if he is to direct intelligently the child's education.

**B Genetic psychology — order and stages of development**

Introduction — a special form of descriptive psychology modified by laws of growth

**I Factors in development**

- 1 Influence of heredity
- 2 Environment
  - a physical
  - b social
- 3 Fundamental capacity

## II Order of development through

- 1 Infancy
- 2 Childhood
- 3 Youth
- 4 Adolescence
- 5 Maturity

} Trace — with reference to their beginning, growth and period of greatest power — the different phases of knowing — as perception, memory and judgment, of feeling and of willing

When the pupil understands mind in its processes and its unity, and child mind in its growth, he is ready to apply what he has learned, *as principles of education*, to the art and science of teaching. This fundamental knowledge with its genetic attributes gives direction to the two forces of school work — instruction and discipline — which, though their separation is more apparent than real, may be better understood by separate consideration.

The teacher, in planning the new lesson, divides it into the conventional parts — preparation, presentation and application — or possibly into "the five formal steps." The exact division is not material but it is of consequence that he sees to it that each step finds its sanction in the laws of mental process. He may use "appereception," for example, in accounting for the work of preparation, but unless he understands the elements of appereception, it may be only a cloak for concealing ignorance that might better be laid bare. In a review lesson, why is the method different? This question must be answered in terms of results to be obtained which are to be approved only as they accord with the normal processes of mind.

In discipline the problem is similar. There is a difference in strength and quality of emotion and will, determined by the nature, period of growth and surroundings of every child. What will inspire a sluggish mind, what correction is best for a particular case of disorder, what is the value of reading to a class Shelley's *The Cloud* or of placing on the wall a copy of Millet's *Angelus*? — these questions have their answers grounded in psychology.

The power to solve such problems of instruction and discipline is the particular aim of this course.

### C Principles of education

Introduction — The order in which the powers of the mind develop determines what to teach, when and how to teach it.

#### **Physical factors**

- 1 Schoolroom comfort

2 Exercise and play

3 Rest and fatigue — in their bearing upon attention

### I Instruction

1 Course of study — selection of subject matter according to its value for training and development in natural order, e. g.:

*a* observation — nature study

*b* memory — logical and verbal, in literature, number

*c* imagination — fairy stories, myths compared with history and geography

*d* judgment — accuracy conditioned by *a*, *b*, *c*

*e* reason — when it should be relied upon — tracing of cause in mathematics, history

### 2 Recitation

*a* presentation of new material

*b* review

Analysis of different mental processes involved according to the subject, and the maturity of the class

### II Discipline — Its immediate aim is educational process; its ultimate aim, character

1 How its aims are promoted through physical factors, course of study and recitation

2 Special consideration of cultivating the emotions. Every emotion has its function in life

*a* how the emotions are related to subjects in the course of study — poetry, number etc.

*b* inhibition of emotion

3 Imitation — personal factor — influence of the teacher

4 The will — character, a completely fashioned will

*a* value of habit

*b* defects to be overcome

*c* training according to order of growth

"The formation of character underlies the cultivation of all the powers of the mind."

### SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

The term school management as used in this syllabus is a comprehensive one. The topics named below indicate its scope. Examinations in this subject call for a knowledge not only of the organization of the school, the control of pupils, and the management of classes, but also of such important topics as school hy-

giene, the appointments of school buildings, and the equipment of the school.

While such matters as the construction of the school building, the mode of heating, and the arrangement of windows are provided for by other persons than teachers, it is, nevertheless, important that teachers know correct standards to the end that they can intelligently call attention to unsatisfactory conditions and especially that they may be able to make the best use of the appointments provided. It is altogether too common to find a building furnished with adjustable seats that are not adjusted to fit the pupils occupying them, seats improperly placed in the room, the room overheated and window shades improperly adjusted. Throughout the course the members of the training class should be led to observe the conditions in the school with reference to such matters. It is not enough that the theory be presented. Frequent reports should be required on existing conditions. It is as important, likewise, that members observe and discuss the cleanliness of the floors, desks and shelves, the general tidiness of the room and the care of the school equipment, as it is to observe and discuss methods of teaching lessons. The responsibility of the teacher for ascertaining precisely what equipment is available and for making proper use of such equipment should be impressed.

While no one textbook now published covers adequately all the topics mentioned below, as a rule, the attempt should not be made to instruct a training class in this subject through lectures and discussions alone.

The management of the school is essentially a matter of administration. It requires what is commonly known as executive ability. The teacher must make his action fit conditions. Personality counts for a great deal. Decision of character and good sense must be in evidence. The handling of a class requires something more than a knowledge of the subject to be taught and the methods of presentation, as important as these may be. The management of a school should be in accordance with the laws of the mind, but these laws are to be learned in the study of psychology rather than in the study of school management.

Method in general should be considered but not methods of teaching particular subjects. Proper emphasis should be given to the importance of the recitation. At the same time the need of training pupils to prepare themselves for their recitations should be emphasized.

**I Grounds**

Surroundings — desirable and undesirable. Size, character and soil drainage. Means of beautifying. Use. Care. Teachers' responsibility.

**II Building**

Size and shape of schoolroom. Standards of floor surface, air space, and lighting. Methods of heating and ventilating. Effects of improper lighting, heating and ventilating. Proper seating — size of seats, position, distance apart, adjustment. Blackboards — height, color, character of surface, material, extent, crayon, erasers. Teachers' responsibility.

**III Decoration of rooms**

Tinting of walls. Suitable pictures — appropriate size, framing, hanging. Other decorations — casts, vases, plants. Attention to tidiness and general arrangement of the furnishings of the room.

**IV School hygiene**

Relation of bodily conditions to mental work. Rest periods. Recesses. Calisthenic exercises — use and abuse. Posture. Color and adjustment of shades. Regulation of temperature of the room. Avoidance of drafts. Drinking water. Toilet accommodations. Home study. Eyesight in relation to school life. Diseases that concern the school. Dangers of dust. Daily attention to cleanliness.

**V Equipment**

Library and apparatus. How to secure each; proper use of each; means of caring for each. Inventory of books and apparatus. Teachers' responsibility.

**VI Relation of the teacher to the community and its educational interests**

Means of interesting the community and securing co-operation.

**VII Organization**

Characteristics: simple, definite, systematic, practical. Importance of a good beginning. Preparation for first day of school. Registration of pupils. Seating of pupils. Assignment of work. Tentative program. Beginning work promptly.

**VIII Mechanical routine**

Passing in and out of the room. Passing to and from classes. Distribution and collection of materials. Location

and care of wraps. Orderly arrangement of books and materials in desks. Signals. Proper use of blackboards. Leaving seats. Leaving room. Limitations of mechanical routine.

#### **IX Recess**

Importance. Time of day. Free play versus calisthenic exercises. Use of marching in schoolrooms — cautions. Supervision of play and playground.

#### **X Attendance**

Means of securing regularity and punctuality. Excuses. Reports to parents. What constitutes necessary absence and tardiness.

#### **XI Registers, records, reports**

Importance of accuracy, completeness, preservation. Forms.

#### **XII School government**

Aims of discipline. Necessity of authority. Proper characteristics of authority. Influence of personality of the teacher; the value of the voice, the eye and other such factors in the control of the school. Conditions of easy control. Pupils' self-government. Rewards and punishments — proper and improper. Consideration of particular classes of cases likely to arise.

#### **XIII Programs**

Factors involved in making a program. Relative importance of various subjects. Relation of subject matter to fatigue. Position of subjects on the program. General exercises. Number of classes. Correlation of studies. Typical graded school program. Typical ungraded school program. Importance of holding closely to program adopted. Study program. Recitation program. Relative time given to study and recitation. Preparation of tables showing weekly time allotment (study and recitation) for each subject of the course expressed in minutes: (a) in graded school, (b) in ungraded school. Reasons for and objections to dismissing younger pupils early.

#### **XIV The recitation**

- 1 Its extreme importance, especially in lower grades
- 2 Importance of definite purpose and teacher's special preparation for each recitation
- 3 Aims of the recitation — variously considered
- 4 Means of arousing interest and of holding attention

- 5 The assignment of the lesson: time, purposes, manner  
 6 Preparation of the lesson

A regular time for preparation. Planning for the study period. Supervision of the study period. Teaching how to study, especially in intermediate and higher grades

7 Five formal steps of the recitation: preparation, presentation, comparison, generalization, application. Characteristics of each step. Limitations of the fivefold division of the recitation. Practical hints

8 General characteristics of inductive and deductive teaching. Knowledge of the terms: analytic, synthetic; objective, subjective; empirical, rational

9 Particular or individual methods

Lecture, question, Socratic, topic. Advantages and limitations of each.

10 Oral and written work in recitation. Advantages and limitations of each. Frequency of written exercises. Tendency to an excess of written work in both the preparation and the recitation of lessons

11 The art of questioning. General purposes of questioning. Avoidance of overquestioning. Character of questioning in lower grades, in upper grades. Kinds of questions and special purpose of each. Faulty questioning

12 Length of the recitation in the several grades and subjects. [See outline under XIII Programs]

13 Importance and limitations of drill. The material for drill

14 The unprepared pupil

Reasons for lack of preparation. Treatment of the unprepared pupil

15 Recitation waste

Need of constant watchfulness. Rights of the class versus the rights of the individual. Enlisting the cooperation of all members of the class; means employed

16 Individual instruction

When, where, why and how given

#### XV Textbooks and syllabuses

Uses and abuses of each.

#### XVI Results to be tested

1 Efficiency in habit building: seen in movements and posture of pupils, line-movements of the class, written

work, blackboard work, speech, dress, cleanliness, accuracy and rapidity of execution.

2 Knowledge: oral examination, written examinations: character of each, relative advantages of each, frequency of each. Proper manner of conducting written examinations, length, in what grades to be given, rating of papers. District superintendents grade examinations.

3 Power of application: relative importance; suitable tests in application of knowledge.

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**Shaw, Edward R.** School Hygiene.  
**White, Emerson E.** School Management.

#### ENGLISH

No more difficult problem confronts the teacher of English in the training class than that of proper time allotments, for subject matter, methods and the review of the leading principles of grammar and rhetoric. In the absence of specific directions, there has been a tendency to overemphasize formal grammar and rhetoric to the neglect of matters more fundamental—a tendency that would be more excusable if rural teachers were mainly concerned with teaching the grammar grades.

It is suggested that from one-fourth to one-third of the time should be used in gaining first-hand acquaintance with the literature assigned for appreciative reading, the memory gems, the supplementary reading and with that recommended for grade libraries. In this reading the emphasis should be laid upon the subject matter itself, the consideration of its value to the grade in which it is studied and its adaptability to that grade.

The teacher should keep in mind that there are three distinct

purposes in this study of literature: first, the power to appreciate a masterpiece; second, the unconscious development in the child of a better quality of thought; third, the formation of ideals of expression.

The time for this work is brief. Therefore a large portion of the reading must necessarily be cursory but there should be an intensive study of a few selections with careful notetaking.

One-third of the time may well be given to a study of general and special methods applying well-recognized principles of psychology. To be of much value each step in this study must be exemplified by observation lessons and plan work.

From one-fourth to one-third of the time may properly be given to a review of analytic grammar, elementary rhetoric and practice in composition work.

Theoretically, it is more pedagogical to carry on these three lines of work together; practically, it will be found expedient to carry on the first two lines together and postpone the third to the latter part of the term; otherwise, many teachers will find that they have neglected the more important work for the less important.

It is recommended that pupils keep carefully written notebooks, prepared by themselves, not dictated by the teacher. If loose notes are first brought to the class and there criticized before they are entered in the permanent notebooks, valuable habits of composition may be formed. The purpose of this notebook is not to give pupils fixed forms to follow in their teaching but to form in them habits of helping themselves when they shall have entered upon their work.

These notebooks might contain among other things the following:

- 1 A list of books read with comments on the value of each and the use to be made of each
- 2 A list of selections chosen for reading to the pupil
- 3 A list of books adapted to home reading
- 4 A list of stories easily dramatized
- 5 Plans for observation lessons
- 6 Plans for reproduction exercises<sup>1</sup>
- 7 Plans for oral composition based on experiences
- 8 Adaptations and condensations of stories for telling
- 9 Model sentences to be used for copying
- 10 Model letter forms to be used for copying

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<sup>1</sup> It should be carefully noted that paraphrasing is not a kind of reproduction exercise recommended in this syllabus.

11 Model paragraphs for dictation exercises

12 Plans for memorizing

13 Pictures suitable for use in composition classes

Throughout the work the following fundamental principles and cautions deserve emphasis:

1 That in teachers training classes more attention should be given to the work outlined for primary and intermediate grades than to that outlined for grammar grades

2 That the child has much to say concerning his own experiences and the events that occur in his world

3 That the English teacher should seek to improve the child's power to express his thoughts and feelings

4 That the ability to express thought and feeling is acquired largely by imitation

5 That imitating good models found in literature is effective in acquiring the art of expression

6 That frequent repetition of correct forms promotes good habits

7 That the study of English should give culture as well as discipline; therefore, the pupil's mind should be nourished and stimulated by contact with literature of power and beauty

8 That by memorizing passages of good literature, the pupil becomes possessed of good thoughts, acquires standards by which to judge of literary values and gains a purity and precision of expression

The following outline of study is suggested:

### I Primary grades

1 The literature recommended for use in the primary grades (*a*) for the teacher, (*b*) for class use, (*c*) for home reading

2 Oral composition

*a* observation lessons: their meaning, nature and use; suggestive plans

*b* experiences: what kind of experiences can be used for oral compositions; suggestive plans

*c* reproductions: their basis; value; use in securing logical thinking, in teaching oral paragraphing; suggestive plans

*d* silent reading: its value as a basis for oral composition work

*e* pictures for composition work

- 3 Written composition<sup>1</sup>
  - a copying of models; suggestive models
  - b dictation exercises; suggestive models
- 4 Drills
  - a the kinds of drills suitable for primary grades; oral drills; written drills
  - b suggestive list of drills; plans for drills
- 5 Story-telling
  - a its value as a recreation; as a basis for reproduction work
  - b the characteristics of a good story for primary grades
  - c condensation of long stories for small children
  - d suggestive list of suitable stories
- 6 Dramatization
  - a its value direct and indirect
  - b the kind of selections readily dramatized
  - c suggestive list of selections for dramatization
- 7 Class reading: a review of the Training Class Syllabus of reading for primary grades
- 8 Memorizing
  - a how memorizing is best secured
  - b the value of memorizing
  - c list of suitable selections
- 9 The aims and limitations of English teaching in primary grades

## II Intermediate grades

- 1 The literature recommended for use in the intermediate grades: (a) for the teacher, (b) for class use, (c) for home reading, (d) means of securing good literature through the purchase by the district and State duplication and by traveling libraries
- 2 Home reading: its value; how secured
- 3 Oral composition
  - a list of materials that may be used as a basis for oral compositions (*see I, 2*)
  - b correlation of composition work with nature study, geography, school decoration, history and hygiene

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<sup>1</sup> Rules and reasons are not to be employed. Depend upon correct practice.

- c kinds of oral composition work: <sup>1</sup> narration, description and exposition based on models from good literature
  - d reproduction: the kinds of material best suited for reproduction work from stories; from home reading
  - e incentive to oral composition: stories told by the teacher; selected passages read in class; the use of the newspaper and current topics; pictures; reports of games, excursions, visits
  - f the relative values of written and oral compositions; the danger of an excess of written compositions
  - g plans for oral composition work
- 4 Written composition
- a model paragraphs for copying — narrative, descriptive, expository
  - b model dictation exercises
  - c model letter forms
  - d development of written paragraphs after the same have been developed orally
  - e combination of paragraphs into simple but complete compositions, giving particular attention to logical sequence
  - f suggestive list of topics to be assigned for letter writing
  - g methods of correcting written work
  - h evils resulting from paraphrasing
- 5 Drills
- a a list of drills recommended for intermediate grades
  - b plans for drills
  - c how much time should be spent in drills
- 6 Use of library
- a the use of indexes, dictionaries and reference books
  - b how the use of the school library may be encouraged for reference; for home reading
- 7 Story-telling and reading to the class
- a the special value of these exercises
  - b suggestive list of stories and readings

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<sup>1</sup> These should be taught wholly by practice under guidance of the teacher. Children of intermediate grades should not be drilled in analytical rhetoric.

- 8 The vocabulary
  - a how built up
  - b what intermediate pupils should learn from the dictionary
- 9 Class reading: a review of the Training Class Syllabus of reading for intermediate grades
- 10 Informal grammar
  - a the classification of words, phrases, clauses and sentences
  - b the discovery of grammatical rules and their application
  - c lesson plans for teaching classifications
  - d lists of oral exercises in synthetic grammar
  - e lists of written exercises in synthetic grammar
  - f lesson plans
- 11 The aims and limitations of intermediate English teaching

### III Grammar grades

- 1 Literature: selections from the literature recommended for the grammar grades
  - a for the teacher
  - b for class reading
  - c for home reading
  - d records of home reading; their value
  - e the use of the school and public libraries; how encouraged
- 2 Oral composition
  - a continuation of narration, description, exposition and characterization begun in the intermediate grades
  - b paragraphs based upon material supplied by nature study and agriculture, geography, history and literature
  - c the combination of paragraphs into simple but complete compositions having "a clear beginning, a related middle and a definite close"
  - d debates and discussions
  - e plans for oral compositions
  - f lists of suitable subjects for oral compositions

## 3 Written composition

- a study of choice selections of description, narration, exposition and characterization and their use as models for original work
- b list of suitable short selections of different kinds of composition
- c simple compositions based on previous oral work
- d compositions based on imagined observations and experiences; suitable topics
- e how to secure unity, emphasis and coherence
- f business and friendly letters
- g compositions in topics from the assigned literature<sup>1</sup>

## 4 The vocabulary

- a how increased
- b what grammar grade pupils should learn from the dictionary

## 5 Drills — to be given as need is disclosed by class work

## 6 Reading

- a the necessity for continuing reading through the grammar grades
- b how the aim in grammar grades differs from that in the lower grades
- c the value of declamation and of appreciative reading

## 7 Grammar with textbook

- a review of classifications of words, phrases, clauses and sentences
- b inflections regular and irregular
- c analysis and synthesis of sentences
- d correction of common errors
- e synonyms

## 8 Tests

- a the use and abuse of written tests
- b the value of the regular daily exercises in determining promotion
- c the filing and preservation of daily work
- d regular written reviews
- e the uselessness of teaching for final examination

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<sup>1</sup> Paraphrasing should be avoided.

## PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE

In presenting the subject of physiology and hygiene, the aim is to promote good health and thereby insure strong bodies capable of efficient service and enjoyment of life. Hence the teacher needs to emphasize all points bearing on nourishment, care and protection of the body, particularly to instil in the minds of pupils the importance of proper and regular habits of eating, drinking and excreting.

He should seek the cooperation of parents, especially in cases of children who have formed wrong habits. He should also report to parents all cases of poor eyesight, hearing and other physical defects that may be remedied, to the end that boys and girls may grow to maturity, vigorous and well formed.

This outline is arranged to cover the same topics in the same manner as in the Syllabus for Elementary Schools. The time for the work here, however, is so brief that it is not possible to consider all the details but only the important features, which should be emphasized.

A careful consideration of the outline will show that it aims to be consecutive, progressive and constructive throughout the several grades.

### I The body

#### *Primary*

- 1 Composition: flesh, bones, blood
- 2 Functions: moving, breathing, eating and excreting
- 3 Parts: trunk, arms, legs, stomach, mouth, teeth, lungs, skin, brain, eyes, ears; location and use of each
- 4 Needs: good food; pure air; pure water
- 5 Hygiene: eating slowly; chewing thoroughly; care of teeth; care in habits of excretion; cleanliness of hands, face and all parts of the body; frequent bathing; danger from dust; proper clothing; dry clothing; correct position of the body in walking, standing and sitting

#### *Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Structure: cells; tissues; organs
- 3 Uses of bones, flesh, blood, muscles, joints and tendons
- 4 Needs: food; pure air and water; exercise and rest
- 5 Composition of tissues: water, proteids, fat and mineral matter, all supplied by food

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades
- 2 Names and functions of the principal bones and muscles; advantages of strong muscles in work and play; tendons and their use; changes in bones as age advances
- 3 Adaptation of structure to function, e. g. molar teeth; shoulder joint

The human body a living machine

**II Foods***Primary*

- 1 Needs for growth and repair; hunger and its cause; cooking; thorough chewing
- 2 Dangers: overeating; eating at irregular times; washing down food
- 3 Food specially good for children

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Composition and uses: water, proteid, starch, sugar, fat and mineral matter
- 3 Hygienic preparation and preservation: meats, soup, canned goods, etc.
- 4 Necessity for a mixed diet: food suitable for breakfast, for luncheon, for dinner

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades, and add more detail with reference to the use of nutrients
- 2 Experiments to test the presence of the various nutrients in foods

**III Digestion***Primary*

- 1 Meaning: work of the teeth, mouth and stomach; necessity of getting food into a liquid form; passage of liquid food through the lining of the digestive tube into the blood
- 2 Digestive fluids: saliva and its use, names of other digestive fluids
- 3 Care of the teeth

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades

- 2 Alimentary canal and digestive fluids: saliva, gastric juice, pancreatic juice, intestinal juice and bile; the uses of each
- 3 Muscles of the stomach and intestines — their action
- 4 Absorption and assimilation

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades with fuller discussion of each
- 2 Experiments to illustrate osmosis and the digestion of foods
- 3 Adaptation of structure to function in the parts of the alimentary canal

#### IV Respiration

*Primary*

- 1 Organs of breathing: nose, lungs and windpipe
- 2 Hygiene: best position for breathing; value of deep breathing; harm from tight clothing; dangers from dust; dangers from mouth breathing; need of proper temperature in the room — use of thermometer

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Organs of breathing more carefully studied; air cells and their functions; change of air in the lungs; oxidation
- 3 Hygiene: ventilation of rooms; sweeping and dusting; need of moisture, specially in rooms heated by furnace or stoves; danger from use of gas stoves and other stoves without pipes; value of sunlight

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades, studying them more in detail
- 2 Experiments to show the nature of oxidation
- 3 Hygiene: formation of habits of breathing to secure greater lung power; proper methods of ventilating, sweeping and dusting

#### V The blood and its circulation

*Primary*

- 1 Its use in carrying food and air to all parts of the body
- 2 The heart — simple description
- 3 The pulse — effect of exercise

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Blood, arterial and venous compared
- 3 Organs of circulation: heart, arteries, veins, capillaries
- 4 Circulation: pulmonary and systemic; significance of the pulse
- 5 Composition of the blood

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades with study more in detail
- 2 Corpuscles, red and white; the function of each
- 3 The lymph and lymphatic circulation
- 4 Experiments to show variations of pulse caused by exercise
- 5 Temperature — when normal; the use of the clinical thermometer

**VI Excretion***Primary*

- 1 Need of drinking plenty of water
- 2 Excretion through the skin; necessity for bathing; use of soap
- 3 Excretion by the bowels and kidneys; necessity of frequent movements to get rid of the waste matter
- 4 Toilet rooms: necessity for cleanliness; false modesty in asking direction to a toilet room

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Skin and kidneys: their structure; value of hot and cold baths
- 3 Bladder: its location; danger of retention of urine

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades
- 2 Skin and kidneys: adaptation of structure to function
- 3 Water, its free use a preventive of disease

**VII Nervous system***Primary*

- 1 Sensation, its importance
- 2 Brain and spinal cord, their location
- 3 Nervous system compared with a telegraph system
- 4 Hygiene: necessity of food, fresh air, sleep and rest

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Brain and spinal cord — their functions briefly discussed
- 3 How the brain and spinal cord are protected from injury

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades with more attention to detail
- 2 The brain and other nerve centers; sensory and motor regions
- 3 Sympathetic system and reflex action
- 4 The brain and mind growth

**VIII Special senses***Primary*

- 1 The five ways of getting information
- 2 Hygiene: care of the eyes, ears and nose; how these are injured; how they are protected; need of calling a specialist; care and culture of the voice

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 The eye and the ear — the parts and the functions of each
- 3 Diseases: nearsightedness, farsightedness, cross-eye and astigmatism briefly discussed
- 4 Vocal cords — their structure; change of voice in boys, need of special care of voice at that time; advantages of a good voice

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades with more attention to details
- 2 Models — their use; sheep's eye and brain used for illustration
- 3 Acuteness of senses -- how cultivated

**IX Narcotics***Primary*

- 1 Danger from using alcoholic drinks, tobacco, tea, coffee and soda water
- 2 Danger from the cigarette habit

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Discuss more fully the effects of narcotics and stimulants on the organs of the body and their functions
- 3 Total abstinence — its value

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and intermediate grades
- 2 The insidious growth of the habit of using narcotics and stimulants

**X Protection of life***Primary*

- 1 Contagious diseases: common contagious diseases; bacteria; need for quarantine; dangers from common drinking cup, from putting pencils in the mouth; vaccination
- 2 Consumption: its origin, prevalence, preventive measures; street expectoration
- 3 Need for cleanliness: yards and streets; dangers from dust; importance of personal cleanliness
- 4 Cuts, bruises and burns, how treated; danger from slight wounds from nails, knives and from Fourth of July celebrations
- 5 Poisonous plants
- 6 Electric wires
- 7 Escaping gas
- 8 Rest and exercise: need of out-door exercise and sleep; desirability of boys and girls knowing how to swim

*Intermediate*

- 1 Review topics for primary grades
- 2 Emergencies: how to stop bleeding from an artery and from a vein; production of artificial respiration in cases of asphyxiation
- 3 Exercise: value of games, walking, riding, skating etc.

*Grammar*

- 1 Review topics for primary and grammar grades with more attention to detail
- 2 Bacteria: their nature and relation to disease
- 3 Insects and animals that carry disease
- 4 Sanitation: health officers and their duties; removal of garbage, public movements to prevent the spread of tuberculosis; importance of good water system and good sewage system to a community; parks, playgrounds and baths in cities

**Methods**

In the primary grades all lessons should be oral and should not exceed 10 minutes.

In the intermediate grades an elementary textbook must be used. Illustrate structure, as far as possible, from the pupil's body. Demonstrations of osmosis and tests for nutrients may be performed by the teacher.

In the seventh and eighth grades a more advanced textbook should be used. Models, also parts of a sheep as the lungs, eye, brain, should be employed to show structure. Experiments to show osmosis etc. and tests for nutrients should be made by the pupils.

The law in regard to teaching the effects of alcohol, narcotics etc. should be carefully observed by giving the number of lessons required for the different grades. Small grades may be combined.

### **METHODS IN HISTORY, READING, SPELLING AND WRITING**

#### **HISTORY**

1 The purposes of history teaching in the fifth and sixth grades as set forth in the Syllabus for Elementary Schools; why tiresome reviews in these grades are uncalled for

2 The progressive method to be followed in preparing pupils for the intelligent use of books

3 Preferred methods of recitation; other methods

4 The difficulties of teaching young children the lives of men of thought

5 Outlining the lives of two or three prominent Americans and discussing the points to be emphasized

6 How the methods employed for the seventh and eighth grades should differ from those employed for the fifth and sixth grades

7 The teaching of local history and civics; the purpose in teaching each

8 The value of studying current events

9 The reasonable correlation of history with other school work

10 Time allotments recommended for the different grades

11 The necessity for the use of maps and the value of map work done by pupils

12 The use of pictures

13 The use of patriotic literature

14 The proper use of dates

15 What finally should be gained from the study of elementary history

#### **READING**

Reading is the beginning of formal education; it is fundamental to the studies of the elementary school, since it is the means of acquiring subsequent knowledge.

Whatever may be the future of the child, he must be taught to read well, otherwise interest in his studies will begin to fail by the time he has finished half of his elementary course. Many pupils in intermediate and grammar grades are considered stupid and unresponsive because they have not been taught to read. The mind of the child of 10 or 12 is not nourished, simply because he has only the 8 year old child's capability of getting knowledge through reading. His imagination is not stirred, his ambition is unaroused. Getting useful information or the thought of a beautiful story is for him too hard a task.

From the first, teachers of training classes should endeavor to impress the fact that the teaching of reading demands resource, variety and patience.

During the first two years, the teacher should have each recitation planned in advance just as carefully as in any other part of the course. She should have an inexhaustible wealth of device ready for use and aim to secure the quickest possible response.

Words should be constantly reviewed and instant recognition should be required. Expression should be secured the first time that children read words forming a sentence.

A pupil in the first year should be taught to read whole sentences fluently and with correct expression. If he begins to hesitate he should not be allowed to continue. Fluent reading of short sentences may be secured by requiring the child to read a sentence to himself and then to give it without looking at his book. However, looking off the book is not necessary.

The same result can well be secured, together with the additional advantage of increasing the quickness of recognition in the following manner: Write a sentence on the board and after giving the children time to prepare the sentence silently, erase it, then require some child to give the sentence orally with the proper expression.

A good drill to secure rapid recognition of words as well as good expression is to place a list of words on the board. While the pupils watch silently, the teacher points quickly in succession to several words that make a sentence. When she has finished some pupil is required to give the sentence with expression. Pupils may themselves in turn point to words that make a sentence and call on others to read the sentence made. Children should rarely be told words when they are called on to read, but new words should be taught in advance of the reading.

Members of training classes need to be warned that instruction in reading should continue throughout the course. Too often recitations in the fourth and higher grades are merely perfunctory periods of "word naming."

The teacher should take advantage of the child's power of imitation. She should carefully prepare model exercises in expression and read them to her pupils for imitation. Exaggerated expression will do no harm in the lower grades.

After the pupil leaves school, his reading will be almost entirely silent, therefore much practice in silent reading should be given in both the intermediate and grammar grades. The relation existing between the rate of reading and the ability to interpret should also be kept in mind.

In the upper grades emphasis should be placed on appreciative reading. In programs of the seventh and eighth years reading of wide and varied range should be accorded a prominent place. Supplementary reading in connection with history, geography and physiology should not take the place of regular instruction.

Teachers of training classes may well devote attention to common faults in reading. Model recitations should be carefully planned to illustrate all phases of the work.

### I Methods of teaching primary reading

- 1 Alphabetic method
- 2 Word method
- 3 Sentence method
- 4 Phonic method
- 5 Various combinations of these methods
- 6 The theory and purpose of each method
- 7 Advantages and disadvantages of each method

### II The teaching of primary reading

- 1 The aim
- 2 The teaching of words
  - a objective teaching of words and the steps in the process
  - b the teaching of simple sounds — phonograms
  - c sight words and blend words
  - d the use of perception cards and other devices to secure immediate recognition of words
  - e number of sight words that an average class should know at the end of 10 weeks; at the end of the first term; at the end of the first year

- f* the use of the blackboard explained; the use of the reader; relative advantages of each
- g* sight reading
- 3 The teaching of expression
  - a* the nature of good expression
  - b* its importance in reading
  - c* devices for securing good expression
  - d* the importance of emphasis and inflection
  - e* imitation
  - f* dramatization
- 4 Common faults in primary reading and their correction
- 5 The amount of reading that can be well done during the first year; the second year
- 6 Reading by the teacher — its purpose
- 7 The purpose and danger of the use of pictures in reading books
- 8 The hygiene of reading
  - a* position of the body and holding of the book
  - b* eye fatigue — how prevented: size of type; glazing and color of paper; arrangement of page

### III The teaching of intermediate reading

- 1 The aim
- 2 The sources of the material for reading
- 3 The teacher's preparation of the lesson
- 4 The pupil's preparation of the lesson
- 5 Reading aloud and reading silently; the importance of each and its relative value
- 6 Thought getting — interpretation of what is read — “inner speech”
- 7 The connection between good reading and knowing how to study
- 8 Devices for securing interpretation of oral and silent reading
- 9 Rates of reading
  - a* the purpose of the different rates in oral reading
  - b* comparative ability of fast and slow readers to interpret when they read orally; silently
  - c* the effect of lip movement on rate of silent reading
- 10 Desirable habits in oral reading
  - a* correct position
  - b* the ability to “look ahead”

- c the ability to look up at times
  - d other habits
  - 11 Common faults in intermediate reading and their correction
  - 12 Diacritical markings
    - a their names, and the modification of sound produced by their use
    - b the practical value of such markings
    - c syllabication — practice in marking words of moderate length
    - d accent — drill in marking
    - e the use of the dictionary — when begun
    - f drill in the use of the dictionary
  - 13 The amount of reading desirable in each of the intermediate grades
  - 14 Reading by the teacher — its purpose
  - 15 Dramatization
- IV The teaching of reading in the grammar grades**
- 1 The purpose
  - 2 Appreciative reading; suitable selections
  - 3 The teacher's preparation; the pupil's preparation
  - 4 Speed drills with reference to interpretation
  - 5 The amount of reading desirable
  - 6 The story of the derivation of the language
  - 7 Word study: common prefixes, roots and suffixes; separation of words into prefix, root and suffix; precautions
  - 8 Synonyms
    - a method and extent of study
    - b some common synonyms
  - 9 Common faults in the grammar grades, their causes and cure
- V The meaning of the following topics of general application and methods of teaching each**
- 1 Emphasis
  - 2 Force and stress
  - 3 Pitch
  - 4 Cadence
  - 5 Tone — kinds
  - 6 Phrasing
  - 7 Correct breathing — its relation to good oral reading

- 8 Pauses — kinds
- 9 Articulation
- 10 Enunciation
- 11 Inflection

NOTE. Pupil teachers should have practice in marking selections of prose and poetry for phrasing, inflection and emphasis; and should learn by application to various selections the effects of rate, pitch, tone and force.

## **VI Supplementary reading**

- 1 Distinction between basal and supplementary reading
- 2 Purposes of each
- 3 Sources of supplementary reading for (a) primary grades, (b) intermediate grades, (c) grammar grades
- 4 Reasons for differences in sources in different years
- 5 Comparative value of using basal reader and other books for supplementary reading
- 6 Amount of supplementary reading desirable in each part of the course
- 7 Names of books suitable for supplementary reading in each year [see Syllabus for Elementary Schools]

## **VII Grade libraries**

- 1 The use and purposes of grade libraries
- 2 Their relation to the general school library
- 3 The responsibility of the teacher in the care of the library; special duties involved
- 4 Devices for getting pupils interested in grade libraries
- 5 Suitable library books for each of the elementary grades
- 6 Desirable reference books in each of the upper grades  
 (a) for the teacher, (b) for the pupils
- 7 Traveling libraries and how they may be obtained

## **VIII Memory selections**

- 1 Their purpose and extent
- 2 Methods of memorizing
- 3 Common errors in manner of oral reproduction
- 4 Extent to which work of previous years should be reviewed
- 5 Suitable selections for each year of the elementary course [see Syllabus for Elementary Schools]

### **SPELLING**

Training class teachers should bring to the attention of pupils common mistakes made in the teaching of spelling. Much poor spelling is due to the fact that teachers assign too many words to

be learned. Too often the words learned mean nothing to the child, and the pupils are not required to use the words in any kind of written work. The rule to be impressed should be: "No lesson so long that it can not be learned perfectly by the class."

### **Written and oral spelling**

The advantages and disadvantages of each

The purpose of combining the two. Relative importance

### **Spelling in primary grades**

- 1 Method of teaching spelling to beginners. Reason
- 2 Relation of phonics to spelling
- 3 Pronunciation of the word. When and why?
- 4 Visualization. Its meaning and purpose
- 5 Method of teaching the spelling of homonyms
- 6 Length of the lesson in each grade
- 7 Devices to secure interest in spelling
- 8 Mistakes to be avoided

### **Spelling in intermediate and in grammar grades**

- 1 The length of the lesson
- 2 The preparation of the lesson
- 3 Pronouncing syllables
- 4 Dictation
- 5 Rules — their value and limitation

Rules that should be learned and applied

- 6 Poor spelling — its causes and remedies

NOTE. In cases of abnormally poor spellers the teacher should seek the explanation of defects in sight, hearing or organs of speech.

## **AMERICAN HISTORY WITH CIVICS**

In studying American history with civics, training class teachers should follow the syllabus of American history and the syllabus of civics as outlined in the Syllabus for Secondary Schools. The work to be done by training class pupils is identical with the work done by high school classes. However, the keeping of notebooks for notebook credit by training class pupils is not advised.

Training class teachers are cautioned that the syllabus of American history for secondary schools is not planned with the idea that any large amount of time be given to the study of that portion of American history that precedes the revolutionary period.

## **SCHOOL LAW**

### **I School districts**

- 1 Kinds of districts
- 2 Formation, alteration, dissolution

**II District meetings**

- 1 Annual: notice, time and place, powers
- 2 Special: notice, where held, powers

**III School buildings and sites**

- 1 Buildings
  - a Plans and specifications
  - b Construction
  - c Use of school buildings
  - d Condemnation of buildings
  - e Sale of buildings
  - f Repairs
  - g Outside stairways
  - h Outbuildings
- 2 Sites
  - a When changeable
  - b How designated
  - c Sale
  - d Condemnation of land for site

**IV School district officers**

- 1 General provisions
  - a Ineligibility
  - b Qualifications
  - c Terms
  - d Change in number of trustees
  - e Election
  - f Notice of election
  - g Refusal to serve
  - h Vacancies
  - i Morals
- 2 Clerk, treasurer, collector
  - a Duties
  - b Bonds
  - c Provisions relating to such officers in union free school districts
  - d Reports
  - e Liability
- 3 Trustees
  - a General powers and duties
  - b Reports
- 4 Board of education
  - a General powers and duties
  - b Reports

**V Town and county officers**

- 1 General duties relating to school system
  - a Supervisor
  - b Town clerk
  - c County treasurer

**VI District superintendent**

- 1 Qualifications
- 2 Election
- 3 Term
- 4 Salary
- 5 Vacancy in office
- 6 General powers and duties

**VII Education Department**

- 1 Board of Regents
  - a Number
  - b How chosen
  - c Term
  - d General powers and duties
- 2 Commissioner of Education
  - a How chosen
  - b Term
  - c Salary
  - d General powers and duties
  - e Power to remove school officers
  - f Powers in relation to appeals
- 3 General organization of Department

**VIII School taxes**

- 1 How authorized
- 2 By whom assessed
- 3 Tax list
- 4 Property assessed
- 5 Collection

**IX School moneys**

- 1 Kinds of quotas — supervision, district, teachers, academic
- 2 Conditions on which each quota is apportioned
- 3 Amount of each quota
- 4 General method of apportionment of funds for books, pictures, maps and apparatus
- 5 Withholding moneys

**X Compulsory attendance**

- 1 Required attendance

- 2 Required instruction
- 3 Duties of persons in parental relation
- 4 Unlawful employment of children
- 5 School records
- 6 Attendance officer
- 7 Arrest of truants
- 8 Truant schools
- 9 Duty of trustees
- 10 Penalty for failure to enforce law
- 11 School register

#### **XI Courses of study**

- 1 Subjects that *must* be included
- 2 Subjects that *may* be included
- 3 Authority to adopt
- 4 Duty of teacher
- 5 Provisions as to vocal music, drawing, kindergarten, industrial training
- 6 Physiology and hygiene
  - a Special instruction required
  - b Who shall receive instruction
  - c Textbooks
  - d Withholding public money

#### **XII Textbooks**

- 1 How adopted
- 2 How changed
- 3 Penalty for violating law
- 4 Supplying indigent pupils
- 5 Free textbooks

#### **XIII General provisions for the education**

- 1 Of defectives
- 2 Of Indian children

#### **XIV General provisions for the training of teachers**

- 1 Normal schools
- 2 Training schools
- 3 Training classes
- 4 Teachers institutes
  - a Attendance of teachers
  - b Closing school
  - c Failure to close school
  - d Failure of teacher to attend
  - e Payment of teacher

**XV Teachers**

- 1 Required age, certification
- 2 Special qualifications prescribed for cities
- 3 Kinds of certificates
- 4 Indorsement of certificates
- 5 Payment of unqualified teachers
- 6 Revocation of certificate
  - a Causes
  - b Authority — Commissioner of Education, district superintendent
- 7 Causes sufficient for dismissal
- 8 By whom employed
- 9 Contract with relatives
- 10 Essentials of contract should be written
- 11 Period of employment
- 12 When compensation is due
- 13 Orders on supervisor, collector or treasurer
- 14 Payment for periods during which school is temporarily closed
- 15 Verification of records
- 16 Rules and regulations governing teachers
- 17 Hours of teaching
- 18 Closing school
- 19 Doing janitor work
- 20 Providing a substitute
- 21 Authority over pupil
- 22 Suspension of pupil
- 23 Expulsion of pupil
- 24 Infliction of corporal punishment

**XVI Nonresident pupils**

- 1 Admission
- 2 Contracts for their education
- 3 Transportation
- 4 Free tuition in high schools

**XVII Special statutes**

- 1 Arbor day
- 2 Flag law
- 3 Fire drill
- 4 Holidays

## NATURE STUDY AND AGRICULTURE

In nature study and agriculture no separate syllabus is proposed for training classes, but they will use the outline in the Syllabus for Elementary Schools, to which they are referred. There the work is laid out for the five years 1910-15. The training classes will confine themselves, however, to the outline for the year in which the training class is held and the two succeeding years; but the classes in 1914-15 will prepare on the outlines for 1914-15, 1910-11 and 1911-12.

## DRAWING AND HANDWORK

The following syllabus in drawing and handwork presents in more definite form that subject matter in the Syllabus for Elementary Schools which is essential to the work of the training classes and rural schools. It includes in addition a simplified outline, suggestive methods and time arrangements and lists of pictures for picture study with firms which publish the inexpensive prints.

This syllabus supplements the Syllabus for Elementary Schools for the limited time now devoted to drawing in the training classes, and forms the basis for all training class examinations. The general nature and scope of the Syllabus for Elementary Schools should, at the same time, be clearly understood by each pupil. It also serves as a supplement to the Elementary Drawing Syllabus for rural schools.

## TRAINING CLASS NOTES

**Recitations.** Each regular recitation in drawing presupposes on the part of the training class pupil preparation of outside work definitely assigned by the teacher.

The recitation should present methods of teaching drawing in the rural school and should review the theory and practice gained in high school. Principles should be emphasized. The special aims in the work of each grade and the close relationship between drawing and other subjects should be made clear.

The following is suggested as a minimum arrangement for time and subject in the recitation work:

### SUBJECTS

|  | PERIODS |
|--|---------|
| Representation                         | 3 }     |
| Primary illustration                   | 11 }    |
| Perspective of objects and plant forms | 14      |

|                     |   |    |
|---------------------|---|----|
| Design              |   |    |
| Decoration, primary | 5 |    |
| Design              | 7 |    |
| Lettering           | 2 |    |
| Mechanical          |   |    |
| Working drawings    | 6 |    |
| Patterns            | 2 |    |
| Picture study       |   | 4  |
| Total               |   | 40 |

**Correlation.**<sup>1</sup> Teachers of training classes will find the allotted time short, but it very often happens that drawing is the best means of presenting and studying other subjects. If proper correlation is carefully emphasized, time for additional drawing of the most vital kind will be found. The following suggestions indicate how this may be done:

*Map drawing*, enlarging and reducing to proportion, should be taught as part of the work in *geography* and *history*. See pages 84, 34.

*Design in relation to furnishing*, color and decoration of walls and curtains, arrangement of materials, honor rolls, etc., is to be considered as part of *school management*. See pages 18, 19.

*Design for charts* to record weather and crop conditions, migration of birds, etc., as well as *representation of facts of growth of nature forms* should be studied in connection with *nature study*. See page 45.

*Drawing of simple symbols* should be used with primary arithmetic.



*Picture study* should be used to advantage for descriptive work in either oral or written *English*.

**Methods of study for training class.** In studying drawing it is well for the training class to follow the plan of work in the Syllabus for Elementary Schools, beginning with primary and working up through intermediate and grammar grades, studying subject matter as may be necessary in connection with methods of presenting the subject. In all phases of drawing, notebook work and collections (see plate 6) are of the utmost importance in giving the pupils some insight into the possibilities of extending the work beyond

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<sup>1</sup> See pages 52, 62.

the few examples they will have time to work out while in class. The class drawings should be made large enough to be seen across an ordinary schoolroom, and should be carefully preserved for use when the pupil is called upon to teach the subject.

Each pupil should include in the notebook pages of clippings illustrating the principles of representation and design and supplement this by pages of small sketches showing patterns and working drawings of objects suitable for construction in a rural school. This may properly be related to design for holiday gifts, souvenirs, games, well-arranged schoolrooms and grounds, consideration being given to the application of a few fundamental principles to the general management of the school as well as to the study of specific grade problems.

Much time can be saved in this work if each training class pupil will draw one or more sheets illustrating a given topic such as pattern for holiday gifts or working drawings of construction problems such as plant boxes, shelves, benches etc., to be printed on the class hectograph for exchange with the rest of the class.

Training class pupils should have practice in making such drawings in preference to spending all the allotted time in attempting to acquire skill in the use of instruments. It is suggested, however, that some practice be given in problems involving the use of compass and ruler.

Work in mechanical drawing and construction in the training class is facilitated by the use of cross-section paper for sketching notes. Because of the limited time it may not be advisable to construct more than two or three objects accurately from mechanical drawings. For the same reason only a limited number of accurate drawings can be made, though reference material and notes should be abundant.

**Picture study.** Pupils should have available the inexpensive prints of pictures selected for study.

It is best for each one to provide herself with these prints so that she may mount and annotate them in readiness for teaching. If it is impossible to secure all, a selection should be made including some from each grade.

One recitation, at least, should be devoted to methods of presenting picture study in ways suited to the various stages of the child's development.

Many helpful suggestions along this line may be found in the School Arts Book for October 1909 and the School Arts Magazine

for October 1913, as well as in the books listed under picture study for the grades.

A few changes from the Syllabus for Elementary Schools will be noted. It seemed advisable to place one American painter in each grade. Therefore a few pictures are rearranged. In only one instance is a new picture substituted. "Lessons in Boat Building" by Bacon, is inserted in place of "The Oath of Knighthood" by Abbey in grade 5.

#### SIMPLIFIED OUTLINE FOR TRAINING CLASSES AND RURAL SCHOOLS

##### Outline for grades 1-4

General subjects: *Illustration. Decoration. Color*<sup>1</sup>

###### 1 Topics

- a Illustration: Special days, occupations, games, stories
- b Decoration: Christmas booklet, valentine, bookmark, Easter card, calendar etc., simple lettering
- c Color: Use of hues in design problems
- d Picture study

###### 2 Mediums

- a Pencil
- b Colored crayon
- c Chalk and blackboard

###### 3 Practice

- a Single objects in flat (elevation)
- b Composition—grouping
- c Given units for design motifs to be used with reference to space arrangement and application; single letters or words considered as hints in design
- d Matching of hues

###### 4 Aim

- a Facility of expression
- b Good proportion
- c Order in spacing and arrangement
- d The ability to recognize in each grade six pictures and to tell who painted them
- e The ability to distinguish and match hues

**Explanation.** By the term "Illustration" is meant picture making as a means of expression, not formal representation. It will be noted that perspective is not called for in these grades.

By "Decoration" is meant the simple arrangement called for in

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<sup>1</sup> See page 66.

such a problem as the booklet, requiring the spacing of a few letters and a decorative motif copied for the purpose. There need be no attempt at original designing.

### Outline for grades 5-6

General subjects: *Representation. Design. Color. Maps*

#### 1 Topics

- a Representation: Nature and object drawing
- b Design and color: Booklets, cards, calendars, mats, doilies etc., use of hues and values in connection with design, simple lettering in single line
- c Maps: Simple maps
- d Picture study

#### 2 Medium

- a Pencil
- b Crayon
- c Blackboard

#### 3 Practice

- a Single objects in flat (elevation) and parallel perspective
- b Nature in mass, outline and suggested color
- c Original design motifs drawn on squared paper in black and white and color
- d Pencil maps with or without quiet flat color

#### 4 Aim

- a Truth in observation
- b Continued facility in expression
- c Simple original decoration with application
- d The ability to recognize in each grade six pictures and to tell who painted them
- e Ability to distinguish at least two values of each color

**Explanation.** Drawing as pure "Representation" begins in this simplified outline with the fifth grade and in object drawing proceeds only as far as parallel perspective. In these grades, "Decoration" becomes "Design" so far as the adaptation of a nature or geometric form on squared paper will allow.

Teachers should continually drill on the work of the previous grades which is easily correlated with the requirements for the fifth and sixth.

### Outline for grades 7-8

General subjects: *Drawing. Design. Color*

**1 Topics**

- a* Drawing: Representation of nature and objects, mechanical drawing, science drawing, map drawing
- b* Design and color: School booklets, posters etc., problems relating directly to the home — the "Home Center," discriminating use of color, hue, value and chroma *applied* to the foregoing
- c* Simple gothic or single line letters (see plate 5)

**2 Mediums**

All and any mediums applicable to the work in hand

**3 Practice**

- a* Objects drawn in any position
- b* Drawing for all purposes that is, nature study, geography, etc., in crayon, pencil or chalk
- c* Design applied to school and home problems to include lettering
- d* Color matching — mixing and application

**4 Aim**

- a* A knowledge of the various methods of expression by means of drawing
- b* A knowledge of the fundamental design principles with definite application to practical problems and a discriminating color sense

**Explanation.** "Representation" gives way to "Drawing" in the seventh grade, for now the pupil should draw freehand or by mechanical means, as the problem demands.

Design is but another means of drawing and centers about the home. At the end of the eighth grade, pupils should be able to understand the use of the pencil and crayon and such materials as are necessary for the more simple constructive problems adaptable in schoolrooms. A high grade of technical skill is not expected but intelligent and efficient workers should be developed.

#### SUGGESTIVE METHODS AND TIME ARRANGEMENTS

**General methods.** Many teachers in rural schools are uncertain *what* to work for, and because of the crowded program do not quite know how to plan for all the classes.

For these teachers, as well as for the training class pupils, the following suggestions are made as to methods of working:

It is the limited time rather than any want of material or lack of willingness to work on the part of teachers or pupils that causes difficulty. This difficulty *seems* worse than it really is and can be largely overcome in two ways. First, by concentrating interest and strength in doing a *few* things *well*; second, by grouping the various forms of drawing about a common interest and connecting that interest with other subjects, such as geography, nature study, English, home life, games etc. This is further illustrated by the suggested outlines for different months which also show how different lines of drawing should be emphasized at the times of year when the child's natural interest is most readily aroused. The second method is by organizing the school in such a way that all may have a similar drawing lesson at the same time but of varying degrees of difficulty adapted to the child's ability.

This may be accomplished by

1 *Seating in groups*—Primary, intermediate, grammar.  
2 *Placing specimens*, models etc., where they can be plainly seen by the group using them.

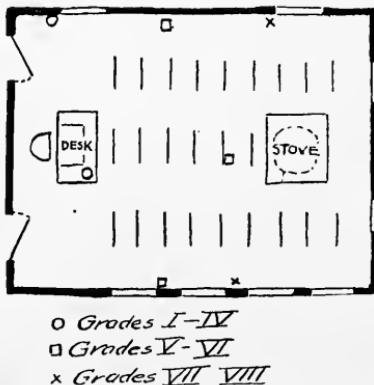
3 *Planning similar work* with varying degrees of difficulty for each group.

4 *Stating aim* of lesson clearly to each group at beginning of lesson and giving a *few definite directions*.

5 *Placing directions for design* for the different groups on separate blackboard spaces.

6 Using a *regular method* to distribute; collect and care for material, thus avoiding confusion and waste of time.

**Example.** In planning a lesson in drawing in connection with nature study *in the primary grades*, single simple *specimens* should



be selected for the children to see and they should draw the *general shape* and *color*, getting the *general proportions* of *length* and

*breadth.* Grades 5 and 6 should work from specimens with two or three parts, studying the *general proportions of each* and their *relation to each other*, and making a truthful record of general structure, direction of growth, shape of stem, size of leaf compared with fruit or blossom, etc.

Grades 7 and 8 should have somewhat more complex and difficult problems to be studied for (a) the proportion of parts in relation to the whole, (b) the structure of the parts, (c) characteristics of the specimen, (d) technic.

**Correlation.** Drawing lends itself readily to many other subjects in the curriculum. The following suggestions indicate how this may be done.

*Map drawing*, enlarging and reducing to proportion, should be taught as part of the work in geography and history.

*Design for charts* to record weather and crop conditions, immigration of birds, etc., as well as representation of facts of growth of nature forms, should be studied in connection with nature study.

*Drawing simple forms* should be used with primary arithmetic.

*Design and mechanical drawing* should be so vitally connected with home and social interest that the work started in school may be completed outside to the benefit of the community.

For further suggestions on correlation, see notes under Picture Study, page 62.

**Topical outlines.** In arranging the work by topics teachers should avoid too much variety. One lesson should easily lead to another and a carefully arranged and graded sequence from one subject to the next should be apparent. Greater efficiency may be gained by uniting the work in some such way as follows:

#### October — Topic: Harvest

#### Representation, Seeing, Color

| Grades 1-4<br>Picture study  | Grades 5-6<br>Picture study  | Grades 7-8<br>Picture study  |
|--|--|--|
| Can't You Talk<br>Escaped Cow  | The Gleaners<br>Horse Fair   | The Hay Maker<br>Water Carrier   |
| <i>Draw in color</i><br>apple or pear<br>grape leaf<br>oak leaf<br>carrot or beet<br>pumpkin, 2 colors | <i>Color or pencil</i><br>group 2 apples<br>grape leaf on vine<br>acorns on twig<br>beet with leaves<br>pumpkin, match hues and values | <i>Pencil with optional color</i><br>apple branch<br>cluster of grapes on vine<br>oak branch with acorns<br>cross-section of apple<br>cross-sections of squash or cucumber<br>Hallowe'en cards |
| Jack-o'-lanterns   | Hallowe'en cards   | Hallowe'en cards   |

### November — Topic: Harvest Preparation for Winter

#### *Representation, Design, Planning*

Grades 1-4

Grades 5-6

Grades 7-8

| <i>Picture study</i>                                   | <i>Picture study</i>                                       | <i>Picture study</i>                       |
|--|--|--|
| The Children of the Shell                              | The Shepherdess Puritans Watching for Relief Ships         | The Mill Pilgrims Going to Church          |
| Shepherd and His Flock                                 |  |  |
| <i>Draw in color</i>                                   | <i>Color or pencil</i>                                     | <i>Pencil</i>                              |
| rose hips  | woodbine   | woodbine or bittersweet                    |
| any vegetable  | bittersweet  | cross-section of fruit                     |
| letter harvest and name, to be used on folder for work | cross-section of fruit letter nature study folder for work | letter labels for use at home or in school |

Start Christmas gifts; collect clippings for suggestions; choice as to problem correlated with arithmetic in measuring and counting for patterns. cross-stitch holders, needlebook, nee- cross-stitch bags, aprons, whittle paper knife, key- dlebook, holders, cushions etc. rack, sew collars, needlebook, apron

#### December

#### *Construction, Design, Gifts, Giving*

Grades 1-4

Grades 5-6

Grades 7-8

| <i>Picture study</i> | <i>Picture study</i>     | <i>Picture study</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Sistine Madonna      | The Holy Family          | Golden Stairs        |
| Madonna of the Chair | Arrival of the Shepherds | Madonna of the Shop  |

Study of patterns and working drawings for objects to be made for gift. Decoration derived from nature forms, berries etc. used as rosettes and borders.

|                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| pin tray (plinth)                     | candy boxes (square and hexagonal prism) | sewing basket  |
| candy box (cube)                      | candle slide (cone)                      | waste basket (frustum of pyramid, square or hexagonal) |
| cornucopia (cone)                     | pincushion with rosette                  |  |
| stars                                 | from nature (cylinders                   | toothbrush rack  |
| calendar                              | on prism forms)                          | key rack   |
| string seeds, cones etc. for garlands |  |  |

Collections of clippings are almost indispensable

#### January

#### *Appearance, proportions of objects*

Grades 1-4

Grades 5-6

Grades 7-8

| <i>Picture study</i>   | <i>Picture study</i>                                 | <i>Picture study</i>   |
|--|--|--|
| Little Samuel  | Reading from Homer                                   | William II of Nassau   |
| Pied Piper   | Sir Galahad  | Fighting Temeraire   |
| <i>Two dimensions</i><br>straight line figure to<br>illustrate stories | <i>Three dimensions mass</i><br><i>or silhouette</i> | <i>Details of construction,</i><br><i>proportion of parts,</i><br><i>study circles</i> |
| objects involved drawn<br>flat or in silhouette                        | toys, involving circles,<br>that is drum, cart etc.  | bowl   |
|  | cup  | pail   |
|  | bowl   | bottle   |
|  | pail   | plant jar  |
|  |  | clock face   |

From the fifth on objects of similar shape related to history or geography brought from foreign lands. Lettering folder or booklet cover to contain drawings of objects.

**Materials.** Training class pupils and rural teachers should have some idea of substituting, when necessary, available materials in place of those generally used, such as follows:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| For colored beads use         | { pine cones<br>straws<br>pumpkin seeds<br>sunflower seeds<br>mountain ash berries<br>black alder berries<br>rose hips |
| For colored paper use         | { plain wall papers<br>paper colored with crayons or dyes  |
| For manila or white paper use | { unprinted newspaper<br>wall papers<br>wrapping papers  |
| For looms use                 | { tablet backs, pierced<br>chalk boxes, etc.<br>pine needles   |
| For raffia use                | { rushes<br>straw<br>rags<br>yarn  |
| For sewing use                | { checked gingham<br>unbleached muslin<br>scraps from piece bags   |

When once the children's interest is aroused in making things, they will find unexpected resources in such materials as spools, cigar boxes, shingles and various odds and ends sometimes put in piece bags or attic. These can be used to advantage outside of school hours for constructive illustration or toy making.

#### REPRESENTATION

**Aim.** The aim of the work in representation varies in the different grades. It should show progress with the development of the child, from the simplest form of general proportion in the primary illustration to the careful, accurate representation of facts and appearances in the eighth grade.

**Grades 1-4. (Illustration).** The training class pupils and primary teacher should understand that a little child sees things in mass and has neither the mental nor muscular development to make drawings involving fine detail.

It is necessary for a child to gain new impressions, constantly to add to and sharpen his mental images, and the expression of his thought, either by language or drawing, increases his power of perception. It is for this reason that illustration of familiar events and stories is introduced as the first form of representation, utilizing the knowledge the child has gained before entering school as a basis for his training in observation and expression.

*Centers.* It is well to center the drawing about various groups of interest.

In planning these centers, it should be the aim to lead the children gradually from the well-known images of home life and environment to less familiar subjects, so that in every topic there may be all possible points of familiarity.

The following is a suggestive sequence:

- 1 Recent or familiar events of interest
- 2 Familiar nursery stories
- 3 Familiar occupations
- 4 Familiar games
- 5 Games and occupations of foreign children

As centers for constructive illustration the following are suggested:

- 1 The farm or life of today.
- 2 The Pilgrims or early settlers. A simple form of civilized home life.
- 3 The Eskimos. Primitive life under winter conditions, with simple constructive forms whose purpose may be readily comprehended.
- 4 The Indians. Savage or barbarous life with higher forms of utensils calling for more thought and manual skill in the construction.
- 5 Foreign homes, namely, Japanese, Dutch etc., necessitating more advanced knowledge of climate, country, architecture and costumes gained from geography and reading.

*Methods and study.* Study of action and objects should precede free illustration.

The drawings should be simply records of *general proportions* in two dimensions, height and width, with no attempt at showing depth.

The view chosen should be one that shows the most *characteristic shape*.



In *nature drawing* the general action and direction of growth should be indicated in a simple way.

*Perspective* should be developed only as far as the making of objects in the distance, smaller and nearer the eye level, or "higher on the paper," as the children say. This is brought out in the setting for illustrations as in landscape backgrounds and when, as in paper cutting, one object is placed over another to bring it in front.



*Mediums.* Considering the little child's mental habit of seeing the larger masses of form and color and the fact that only the larger muscles of his hands are developed, those materials best suited to mass drawing should be used. Such materials are colored crayon which may be used with paper or blackboard, and paper for cutting, tearing or folding. Owing to the greater expense of water color this medium, though excellent, is not required.

**Grades 5 and 6. (Representation).** (See plate 1) In the fifth and sixth grades the *aim* of work is more advanced, calling for greater facility in expression, closer observation and more truthful representation of facts. Objects are studied not only as a whole but in part. More attention is given to details and to the relation of parts.

In representing *plant forms* the branching and foreshortened appearance of simple leaves and blossoms are studied. Greater distinction is made in the shape and color markings of plants, birds, insects and animals.

*Object drawing* is begun in these grades. This means the study of the representation of foreshortened circular surfaces and simple objects in parallel perspective.

*Methods and study.* (See plate 2) Pupils should study in both

natural forms and objects the *foreshortened appearance* of circles turned at angles, above or below the eye level. The relation of axis to ellipse in cones and cylinders should be mastered and the fact that nearly all flower forms are based on the cone should be noted.



The effect of *concentric circles* is the same in dish or flower and this should be made plain in the study of work for the intermediate grades. It should be further noted that the distance from front to back changes in such cases and that the space between the ends of the ellipses does not vary.



*Leaf forms* are in general based on triangles and the observation of this fact is a help in representing their appearance.

The *grouping* or *placing* of one object farther back than another and the avoidance of the appearance of both being in the same space at the same time, should be thoroughly mastered. This can be done by thinking back of an object. The difficulty comes in translating the three-dimensioned solid to a two-dimensioned drawing. Placing straws or lines between the objects studied to show where the bases come is sometimes helpful. (See plate 3)

*Parallel perspective* can be approached through a study of pictures found in advertisements, post cards, etc. It should be followed by work and study from a few large models such as boxes, dictionary-shelves etc. placed *directly in front* of the pupil and also by making drawings to show the eye level when a front view is given.

Some attention should be given to *composition* with relation to background and foreground spaces, which should be unequal for the sake of interest through variety. Balance should also be considered.

*Mediums.* In these grades greater attention to detail calls for a medium which will lend itself to the more careful outline drawing. The pencil supplemented by the colored crayon or brush for filling large spaces or suggesting the color should be used.

**Grades 7 and 8. (Drawing).** In these grades representation

takes two forms. One shows the appearance of objects, accenting points of greatest interest, leaving the rest subordinate, and suggesting the effects of light and distance. The other gives accurate statements of structural facts in connection with nature study, biology etc. The first is pictorial, the second is scientific, but both call for accurate observation. More attention should be given to technic, composition and study of the characteristics of the particular object in view. (See plate 4)

*Methods and study.* At this time some simple groups involving angular perspective should be drawn and the fact that in the same group all receding lines converge at one eye level should be impressed on the minds of the pupils.

*Mediums.* The mediums used should vary with the intention of the drawing — soft pencil, pen, brush or crayon for the free perspective, fine pencil outlines with possibly flat washes of color for the biological work.

#### DESIGN

**Aim.** The study of design should continually train and stimulate judgment and appreciation for the best in everything. The boys and girls should be led to see how the principles of design which they study are simply following nature's laws of arrangement. That, for example, rosettes (radiation from a central point) may be found in flower tops, fruit sections, snowflakes, as well as in decorations for architecture or furnishings. The same laws govern all forms so that the best results can never be obtained without constantly striving for order, fitness to purpose and harmony, or fitness to surroundings in dress, room furnishing, arrangement of materials and lesson papers in all subjects.

**Methods and study.** It should be made clear that beauty does not depend upon the expenditure of money but of thought and it is the *teacher's* business to bring this element into her work by trying to have things neat, orderly and suitable.

*Pupils* should be encouraged to make well-written and well-spaced lesson papers and to have orderly arrangement in caring for collections and materials.

*Notes* should be made and *collections* of clippings gathered from many sources: magazines, catalogs and advertisements furnish abundant material for studying balance, rhythm, repetition in bilateral figures, borders and surface patterns and also offer a wealth of suggestion for design of various kinds.

The *special problem* should be adapted to the grade where it is to

be studied and it should be closely defined and limited. Too great freedom confuses the pupil's mind. For instance, in planning booklet covers, state the size of the cover for the work inclosed. Give choice of not more than two or three general arrangements of spaces to contain title, name of pupil and decoration. Titles and names should always be well printed. The decoration should be suited to the subject, and it is for the teacher to guide by suggesting such symbols or bits of ornament and see that they are well spaced by the pupils. These examples should be given to children. In the primary grades the teacher should confine the pupil to copy and choice in arrangement; more advanced grades may use the examples set before them as suggestions, altering, adapting and making their own as occasion and ability allow.

In planning for problems to be worked out in rural schools, the limited equipment should be kept in mind and choice made of those which serve a useful purpose and meet a need in the child's life.

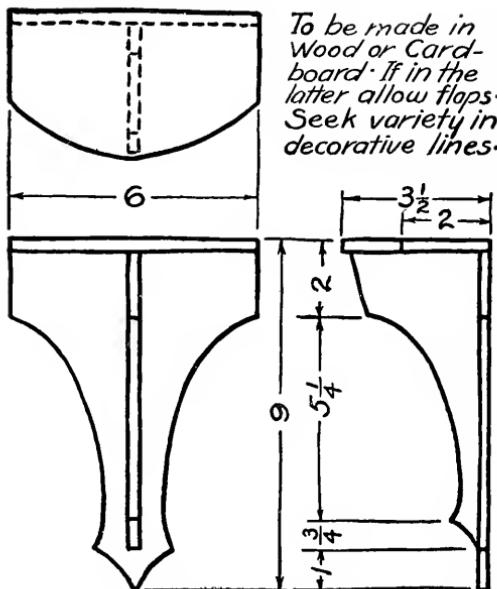
The following are suggested: (See also plates 7-8-9)

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| Booklet covers or portfolios in which to keep work selected because of excellence or to show progress through the year | Bags, holders etc., decorated by cross-stitch or stenciling                                   |
| Desk blotters (of a useful size)   | Toys  |
| Seed envelops  | Useful articles for home or school  |
| Nature study charts  | Planning and beautifying the school grounds   |
| Programs and invitations to school entertainments  | Arranging and beautifying the schoolroom  |
| Boxes  | Planning designs and decorations for special festivities at church, home or school            |
| May baskets  | Designing equipment for games, such as ring toss, to be used on the school grounds or at home |
| Valentines   |   |
| Bird houses  |   |

These are all vital and fascinating problems in design and might with profit occupy much of the time devoted to more formal drawing, for they involve in their planning the same principles and theories, and furthermore offer practical and worthy outlets for application.

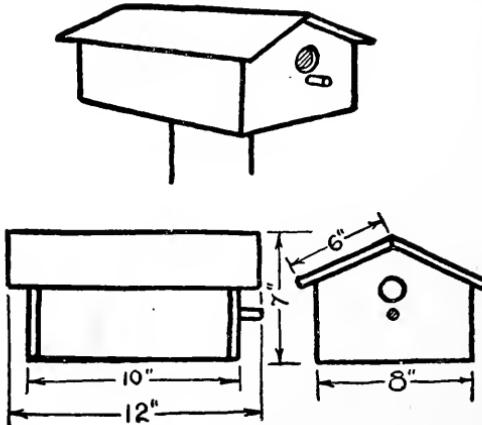
By such correlation pupils may be led to take a personal pride in the community life. For example, Old home week or a holiday occasion may offer opportunities for decorative invitations or souvenir cards for mailing or for use as place cards; church services or festivals may offer occasion for flower decoration or for local announcements. The school, the home and the town through such practical attention take on new aspects and exist for more than their names alone.

## MECHANICAL DRAWING



**Working drawings.** *Working drawings* are statements of facts as to size, form and structure.

The *equipment* found in a rural school rarely permits these drawings to be made accurately by the use of instruments, but the facts can be stated by means of free-hand or ruled drawings made to scale.



In allotting problems for boys, selection should be made among those of most interest to the rural community, such as hen-coops,

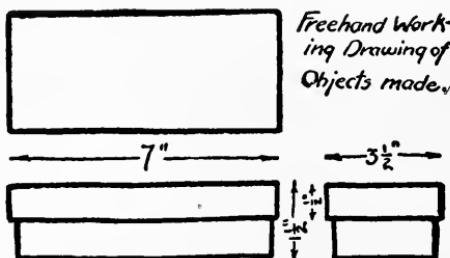
bird houses, benches, boxes and crates, shelves, cold frames, seed testers, playground equipment, etc.

For example, in the simple equipment needed for ring toss (a game similar to quoits) the primary and intermediate boys cooperate to make the different parts. The smaller boys calculate the required circumference in length of rope needed when bound into rings and then make the rings. The slightly older boys draw and make the square plinth with peg in the center at which the rings are thrown. Older boys can draw and make frames for scoring skill in throwing beanbags. These frames should be planned with square openings at the center, right, left, above and below.

**Patterns.** (See plate 9) The making of patterns should be closely connected with design and should include such articles as are possible to construct with the equipment available in the rural school.

Following are a list of the types of problems which should be considered:

- Slip book covers
- Waste baskets
- Sewing baskets
- May baskets
- Envelops
- Cornucopias
- Work aprons
- Boxes



Cardboard houses and furnishings to illustrate lives of Indians, Pilgrims, people of other lands, occupations etc.

#### PICTURE STUDY

A few changes from the Syllabus for Elementary Schools will be noted. It seemed advisable to place one American painter in each grade. Therefore a few pictures are rearranged. In only one case is a new picture substituted. "Lessons in Boat Building" by Bacon is inserted in place of "The Oath of Knighthood" by Abby in grade 5. It was found impossible to obtain the latter in the inexpensive print.

In view of the fact that each year so many teachers and pupils from all parts of the State have the opportunity to visit the Metropolitan Museum in New York it seems best to add supplementary lists of original masterpieces by the same artists. These follow the required pictures for each grade.

### **Graded study**

#### *Elementary grades, 1-4*

Study picture for chief characteristics so pupil will be able to recognize it if seen again. Learn name of artist and picture.

*Conversation:* Lead children to tell what they see and to see things worth telling.

#### *Intermediate grades, 5-6*

Study picture for chief characteristics of composition.

Study story in connection with it, artist's name and nationality.

#### *Grammar grades, 7-8*

Study picture for chief elements of beauty, color (if possible), line, mass, value in composition. Study story in connection with it, sentiment expressed, artist's name, nationality, the time of day and year.

### **Correlation**

*Correlate with English* by writing compositions or by oral descriptions of chief characteristics of pictures and facts regarding artists.

*Correlate with handwork* by making up a small booklet with well-designed and well-lettered cover, well-written and finely spaced compositions and containing small, mounted pictures.

### PICTURES

#### **Grade I**

Madonna of the Chair. *Raphael*. Elson 10c. Perry. Thompson. University. Brown

The Age of Innocence. *Reynolds*. Perry. Thompson. Turner. Brown

Children of the Shell. *Murillo*. Elson 10c. Perry. Turner. Prang. Brown

Feeding Her Birds. *Millet*. Elson 10c. Perry. Thompson. Turner. Prang. Brown

The First Step. *Millet*. Perry. Thompson. Turner. Prang. Brown

Hiawatha. *Norris*. Elson 10c. Turner

*In the Metropolitan Museum*

The Knitting Lesson. *Millet*

Infancy, also called Master Hare. *Reynolds*

St John. *Murillo*

## Grade 2

Return to the Farm. *Troyon*. Perry. Prang. Brown  
 The Divine Shepherd. *Murillo*. Perry. Brown  
 Mother and Child. *Toulmouche*. Soule 25c. Turner  
 The Drinking Trough. *Dupré*. Turner. Prang  
 Interior of a Cottage. *Israels*. Elson 10c  
 Can't You Talk. *Holmes*. Perry. Turner. Brown  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 On the Road. *Troyon*  
 Bashful Suitor. *Israels*  
 Shepherd Boy. *Dupré*  
 The Hay Wagon. *Dupré*  
 Holland Cattle. *Tryon*

## Grade 3

The Balloon. *Dupré*. Perry. Turner. Brown  
 Potato Planting. *Millet*. Perry. Brown  
 Penelope Boothby. *Reynolds*. Perry. Brown  
 Little Samuel. *Reynolds*. Perry. Thompson. Brown  
 Shepherd and His Flock. *Bonheur*. Turner  
 Caritas (Charity). *Thayer*. Copley 50c. Perry. Brown  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 Flock of Sheep. *Bonheur*  
 Weaning the Calves. *Bonheur*  
 Two Sisters. *Bouguereau*

## Grade 4

The Escaped Cow. *Dupré*. Perry. Brown  
 Arrival of the Shepherds. *Lerolle*. Perry. Turner. Brown  
 A Helping Hand. *Renouf*. Perry. Turner. Brown  
 Sistine Madonna. *Raphael*. Elson 10c. Perry. Thompson.  
 University. Prang. Brown  
 Pied Piper of Hamelin. *Kaulbach*. Turner  
 Little Rose. *Whistler*. Elson 10c. Copley  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 Connie Gilchrist. *Whistler*

## Grade 5

The Shepherdess. *Lerolle*. Perry. Turner. Prang. Brown  
 End of Day. *Adan*. Perry. Turner  
 Autumn. *Mauve*. Elson. Perry. Turner. Prang. Metro-  
 politan

Song of the Lark. *Breton*. Brown. Perry. Prang. Turner.  
 Elson. Thompson  
 The Gleaners. *Millet*. Elson. Perry. Turner. Prang. Brown  
 Lessons in Boat Building. *Bacon*. Perry. Brown  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 Autumn. *Mauve*  
 Religious Procession in Brittany. *Breton*  
 Peasant Girl Knitting. *Breton*  
 The Water Carrier. *Millet*

## Grade 6

Sir Galahad. *Watts*. Elson. Perry. Prang. Brown  
 The Sower. *Millet*. Perry. Brown  
 The Horse Fair. *Bonheur*. Perry. Prang. Brown  
 Puritans Watching for Relief Ships (Pilgrim Exiles). *Boughton*. Perry. Turner. Brown  
 Reading from Homer. *Alma-Tadema*. Perry. Turner.  
 Prang  
 Fog Warning. *Homer*. Elson. Turner  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 The Sower. *Millet*  
 The Horse Fair. *Bonheur*  
 A Puritan Girl. *Boughton*  
 Edict of William the Testy. *Boughton*  
 The Picture Gallery. *Alma-Tadema*  
 A Roman Garden. *Alma-Tadema*  
 The Gulf Stream. *Homer*

## Grade 7

Fighting Temeraire. *Turner*. Elson. Perry. Thompson.  
 Turner. Prang. Brown  
 Golden Stairs. *Burne-Jones*. Elson. Perry. Turner. Prang.  
 Brown  
 Water Gate. *Van Marcke*. Elson. Turner  
 William II of Nassau. *Van Dyke*. Perry. Brown  
 Spring. *Corot*. Perry. Thompson  
 Shaw Memorial. *St Gaudens*. Thompson  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 The Grand Canal, Venice. *Turner*  
 James Stuart, Duke of Lennox. *Van Dyke*  
 Classical Landscape. *Corot*

## Grade 8

Water Carrier. *Millet*. Perry. Brown  
 Temperance. *Burne-Jones*. Perry. Brown  
 The Mill. *Rembrandt*. Perry. Prang. Brown  
 Madonna of the Shop. *Dagnan-Bouveret*. Perry. Thompson.  
 Brown  
 The Haymaker. *Adan*. Perry. Brown  
 Pot of Basil. *Alexander*. Turner  
*In the Metropolitan Museum*  
 The Water Carrier. *Millet*  
 Portrait of Man in Hat. *Rembrandt*  
 Madonna of the Rose. *Dagnan-Bouveret*  
 The Ring. *Alexander*

Reference material may be found in the School Arts Book, school magazines, Picture Study for Elementary Schools, by Mrs L. L. Wilson (Macmillan), Stories of American Painting, by Charles H. Caffin (Frederick S. Stokes), Picture Study Leaflets (Horace K. Turner), How to Show Pictures to Children, by Estelle Huree (Houghton, Mifflin Co.), A Child's Guide to Pictures, by Charles Caffin (Baker and Taylor), How to Study Pictures, by Charles Caffin (Century), How to Enjoy Pictures, by M. L. Emory (Prang Co.), Young Peoples Story of Art, by Ida Whitcomb (Dodd, Mead Co.). In addition, the State has much valuable reference material for use in the schools, which may be borrowed through the traveling libraries.

Prints may be obtained for one cent each from the following firms:  
 Horace K. Turner, Oak Hill, Newton Center, Boston, Mass.  
 Perry Picture Company, Malden, Mass.  
 Brown Picture Co., Beverley, Mass.  
 Elson Company, Oliver street, Boston, Mass.

Thompson Company, Washington street, Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Other firms listed are as follows:

Cosmos Picture Co., 25th st., New York City.  
 Bureau of University Travel, Trinity place, Boston, Mass.  
 (University prints).  
 The Prang Co., Knickerbocker Trust building, New York City.  
 Curtis & Cameron, Pierce building, Boston, Mass. (Copley prints).

Prints ranging from two for 5 cents to 5 cents apiece:  
 The Detroit Publishing Company  
 The Metropolitan Museum publishes many of its pictures in  
 post card size

## COLOR

In the rural schools there is no time for a study of color theory. A few color terms such as hue, value and chroma should be understood and used.

It is most essential that color be *freely used* in *harmonious* relations. This may perhaps be best accomplished in training classes and rural schools by noting nature's use of color and following her example. Soft grayed violets, blues, greens and browns are her background colors; never intense colors because of the layers of atmosphere which subdue them and because of time and weather by which nature grays them. Brilliant tones of full chroma are used sparingly in small spaces, as in nearby flowers, birds, butterflies and precious stones. It is only for a very few weeks in the year that autumn uses full strength of pure color in her great festival, and then if closer examination is made it is discovered that only the colors right at hand are seen in their full strength. They are softened by distance or by blending one with the other. The red of the apple is repeated somewhat in the russet green of the leaf. A flaming sumach leaf if compared with a slip of brilliant red paper in full chroma reveals a wealth of color tone ranging from yellow through red to red violet, yet these colors are harmonious, having unity in variety.

So the children can be taught to gray and darken the shadow side of a red apple with the green complement, bringing the colors into greater and more natural harmony. They can not represent, with their crude tools and untrained hands, a true picture of nature, but they may begin to *see* color and use it with greater discrimination. They can learn that quiet tones for large surfaces are best to live with, as the distant hills and woods, ploughed fields, floors, walls and everyday clothes, and that brilliant color, save in small quantities, is dazzling. Such color furnishes the *trimming*, not the *garment*, save at festal times.

**Definitions of color terms.** Hue is the color of a pigment or other material. There are an infinite number of hues or colors.

Value signifies the amount of light in a hue or color. A blue may be light or dark in value according to the amount of light contained in it.

Chroma signifies the strength or saturation of a hue. A red may be intense or strong in chroma or it may be subdued or weak in chroma. The hue, green, may, for example, be light in value and weak in chroma. We might then speak of it as a very light gray with a greenish tinge, for as the hue weakens chromatically and becomes less intense, whether light or dark, it approaches a neutral gray. The weaker it grows the grayer it becomes.



SAND TABLE

AN ESKIMO VILLAGE

Crayon colored background — clay and cotton  
Elementary Grades — State Normal School — Buffalo, N. Y.

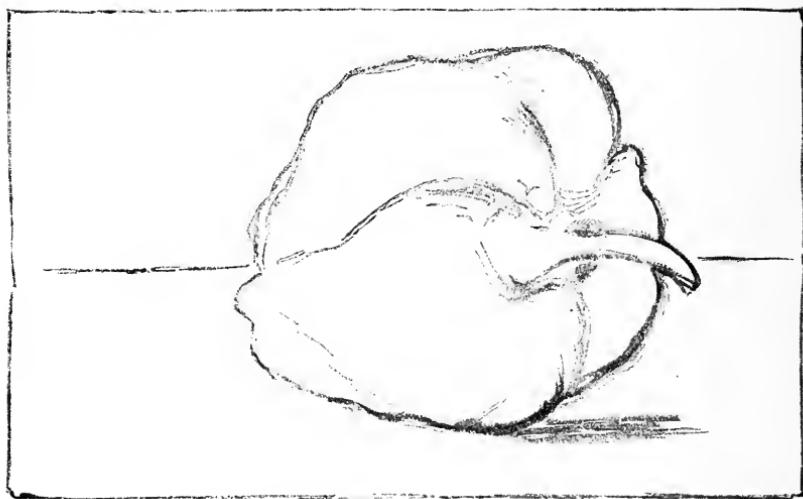


Plate 1  
Pencil outline drawings of fall vegetables

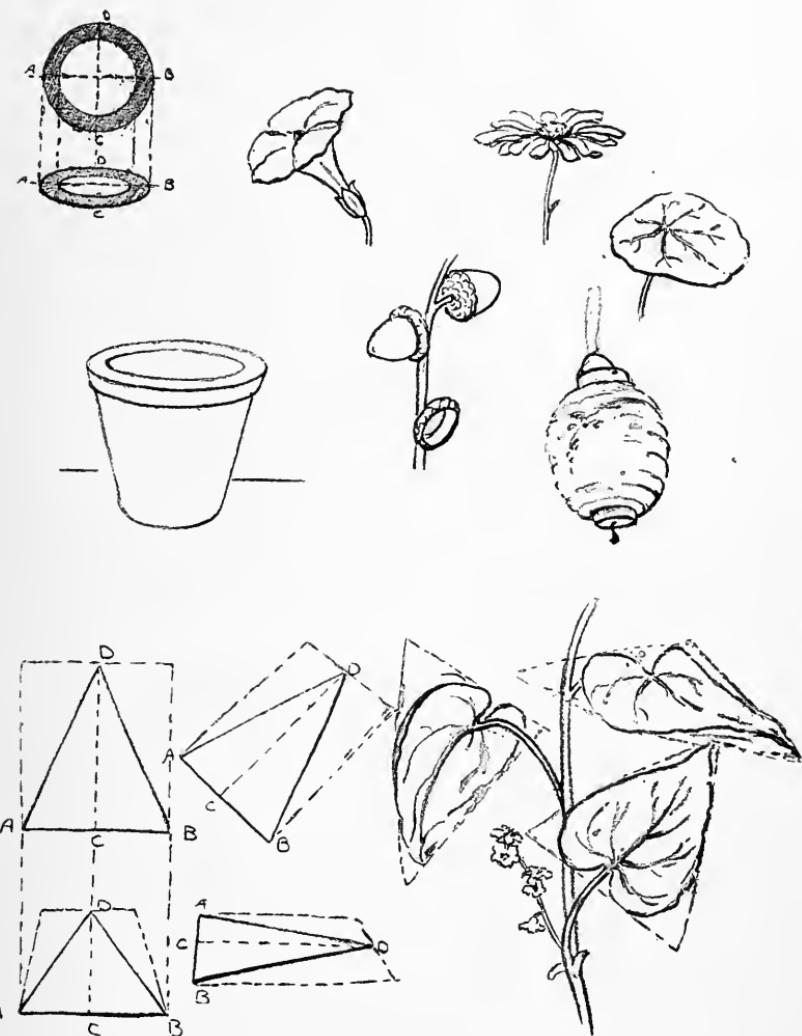


Plate 2

Comparison of natural and geometric shapes. Drawing is simplified when form is considered from this relative standpoint.

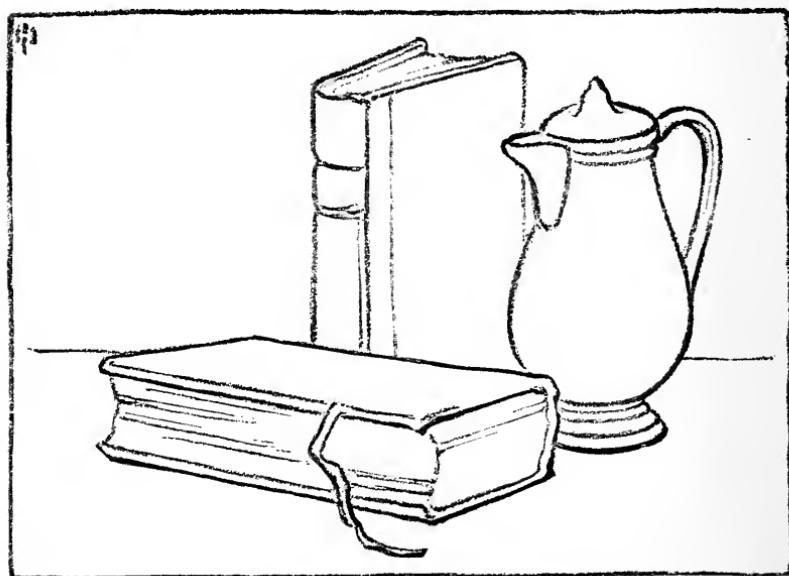
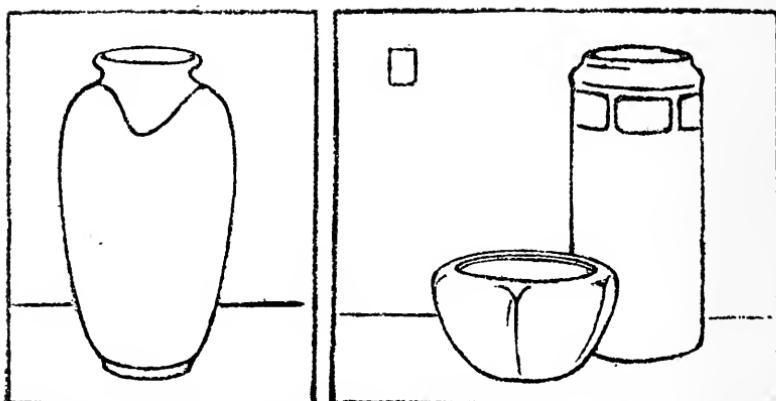


Plate 3

Outline pencil drawings of common objects. Constructive details such as rims, thickness of the covers of the books etc., are apparent.



Plate 4

Drawings showing the growth and development of the pea from the seed to the full grown plant. A type of drawing for the nature study class

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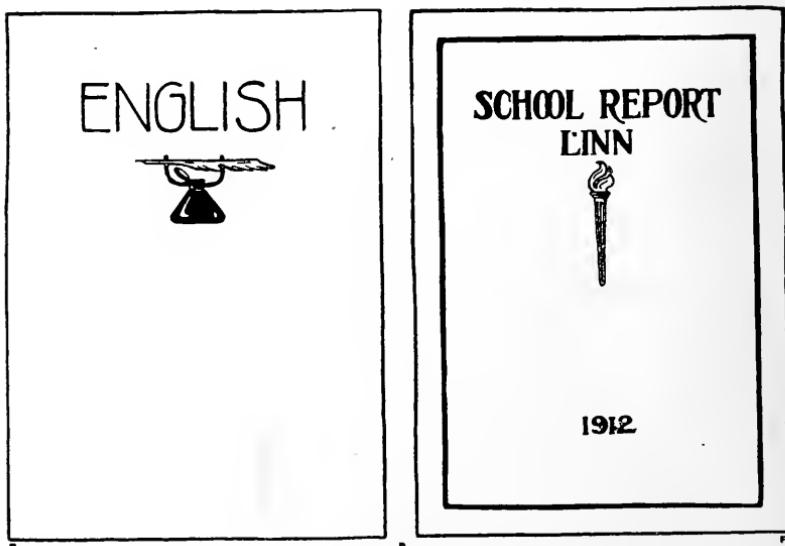


Plate 5

Chart of lettering showing application to covers. The Roman letter, or the second alphabet, should not be used below the seventh grade



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IN  
TEMPERATE  
AMERICA  
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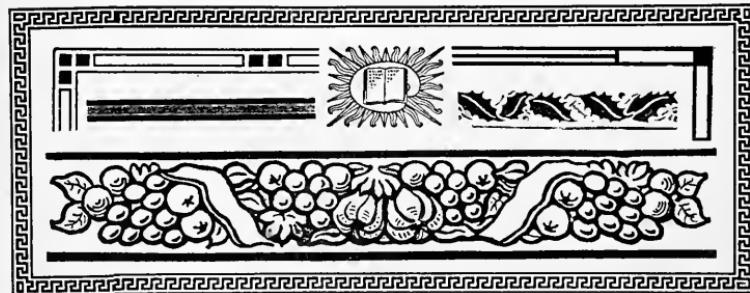
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GOODS of EVERY  
DESCRIPTION

SWEET, WALLACH  
& COMPANY at 84  
Wabash Ave. at Chicago



#### Plate 6

Clippings from various sources showing borders, headpieces, tailpieces, initial letters, single decorative units, and good spacing of letters

**SEEDS**

**REPORT**

**LEAVES**

**ARITHMETIC**

**HOW TO SPELL**

Envelopes for school use - Book marks

**ROBERT**

**DRAWING**

**ELLA-M.**

Booklets

**Cross stitch for cases, holders & bags**

**Weaving**

**Cuttings**

**For special days**

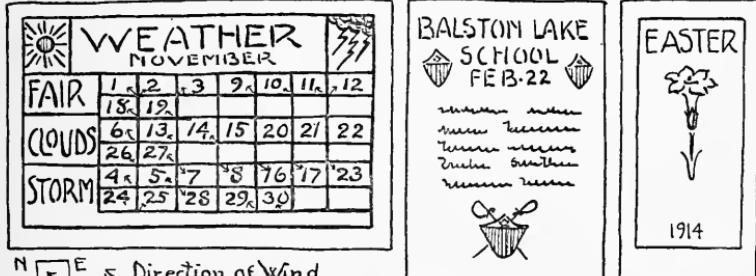
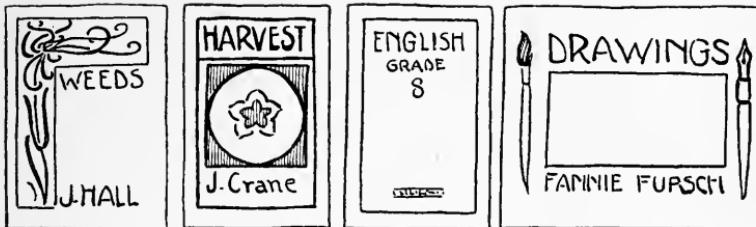
**HALLOWEEN 1913**

**EASTER**

**1914 CALENDAR**

**Merry Christmas**  
Ethel from Emily 1913

**DECORATION - GRADES - I - IV -**  
**Aim - good arrangement in application of given units**



N E R Direction of Wind  
W S

Book page borders

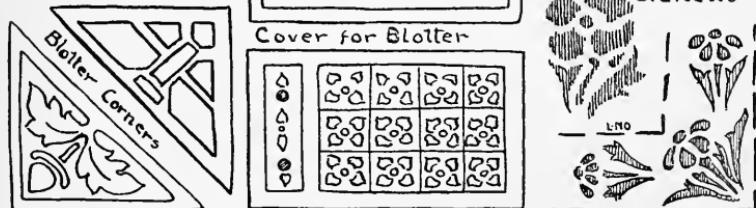
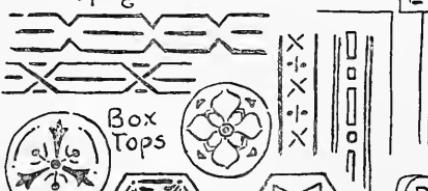
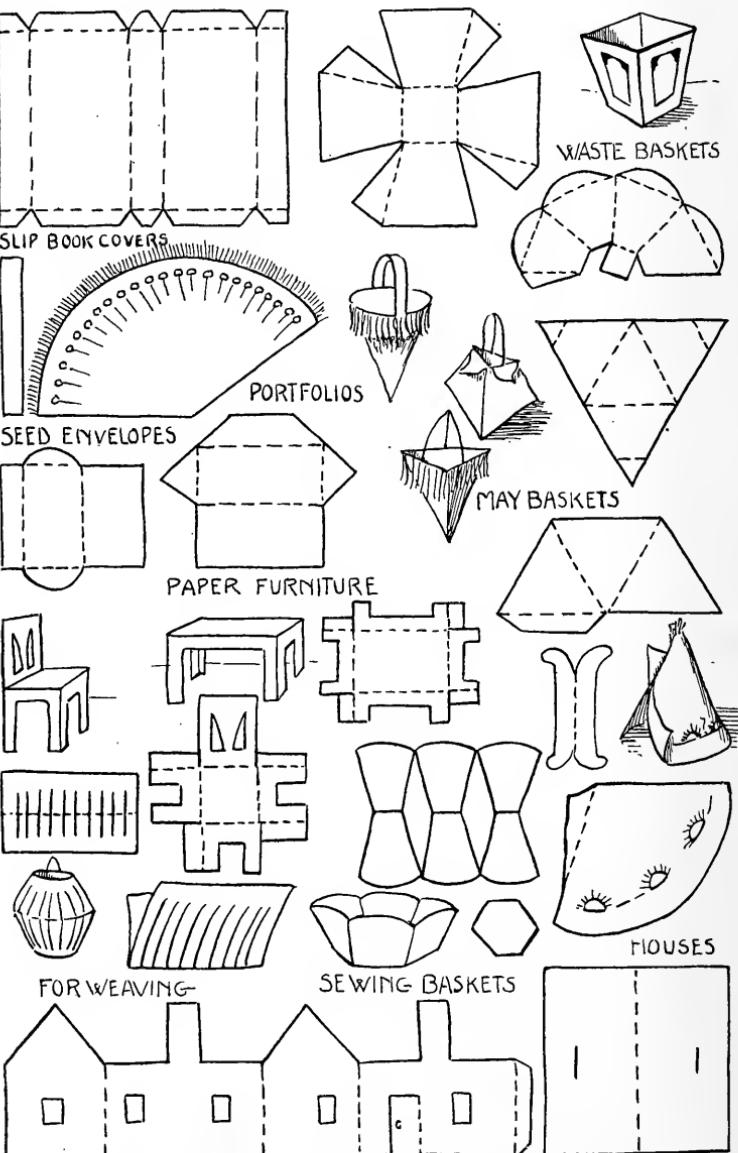


Plate 8

Design suggestions — grades 5-7. Aim: a knowledge of fundamental principles of design with application to practical problems.



MECHANICAL DRAWING OF PATTERNS USED FOR  
ILLUSTRATION DECORATION AND DESIGN

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## GEOGRAPHY

It has not seemed advisable in the preparation of the following syllabus to outline the work by years. The object of this outline is to indicate the scope of work with which training classes should be made familiar. The order of procedure in actual teaching should follow the Syllabus for Elementary Schools, and the suggestions therein contained should be carefully noted and followed. Training class instruction should have in view at all times the best methods of teaching the topics covered. The planning of work by years and quarters, as well as the preparation of lesson plans, should constitute an important part of the course. A notebook of permanent form should be made by each member of the training class and in it should be placed outlines, suggestions, devices, diagrams, map constructions and other supplementary data and material.

The following outlines suggest the content of the subject as it should be presented to the child. The training class pupil should go over it from the child's point of view as to content, but from the teacher's point of view as to its presentation in the classroom.

It is well to note the fact that the syllabuses in drawing, nature study, arithmetic and history include topics which are closely related to this work, and these should be considered in outlining the lessons in geography. It is advisable for the pupil, of course, to know much more of all topics than is here given, but, as has already been said, the outlines suggest the content of the subject for the child.

### I Home geography

#### *The mathematical element*

- 1 Directions: north, east, south and west
- 2 Distance, units and application, using inch, foot, yard, rod, mile
- 3 Making plots and maps, using a scale and, when possible, proper symbols
  - a schoolroom
  - b school grounds
  - c other pieces of land
  - d neighboring streets
- 4 Reading or interpreting plots and maps
  - a streets and roads
  - b streams
  - c important buildings
  - d other objects and places of interest

*The industrial and commercial element*

- 1 Productive industries
  - a agriculture: (1) gardening, (2) flower culture, (3) truck raising, (4) farming
  - b manufacturing: (1) articles produced at home, (2) local industries
- 2 Commercial occupations, trade
  - a the store — kinds, commodities sold
  - b the market
  - c the agent or vendor
- 3 Transportation and communication
  - a roads
  - b railroads
  - c rivers and canals
  - d the mail
  - e the telephone
  - f the telegraph

*The social element*

- 1 Social agencies
  - a schools
  - b churches
  - c libraries
  - d places of entertainment
  - e clubs and societies
  - f charitable institutions
- 2 Government
  - a home
  - b school
  - c village and town

*The physical element*

In connection with the study of home geography, land and water forms may be taught, but no attempt should be made to teach processes. Excursions, carefully planned, should be made by teacher and class. In addition to those suggested in the Syllabus for Elementary Schools, excursions may be made to the brook, the river, the glen, the mountain, the forest, the park and the fair. *Make the work concrete.*

**II The globe**

- 1 Shape
- 2 Size. The circumference may be reckoned in the length of time it will take to travel around it

- 3 Motions
  - a daily — result explained
  - b yearly — result explained
  - c variation of hours of sunlight at different seasons explained
  - d inclination and parallelism of axis
- 4 Zones
  - a names
  - b boundaries — why so placed
  - c characteristics
- 5 Definition of terms: equator, axis, poles, tropics, polar circles, great circles, small circles
- 6 Latitude and longitude
  - a explained from seating of schoolroom, from streets of town or city, from globe
  - b use in fixing location
  - c the longest parallel, north latitude, south latitude
  - d the prime meridian, east longitude, west longitude
  - e how measured
  - f degrees of latitude about 70 miles in length.
  - g degrees of longitude variable
  - h use of length of degrees of latitude and longitude in determining distances on maps and on globe
- 7 Surface
  - a great land masses: (1) names, (2) location, (3) size, as shown by (a) latitude and longitude, (b) expressed in length of time it will take to make a journey across it. (4) comparative area of each
  - b the ocean: (1) divisions and boundaries, (2) comparative areas
- 8 The hemispheres
  - a names: northern, southern, eastern, western — (1) center and boundary of each, (2) land areas of each, (3) water areas of each

Relative values and approximate distances are of fundamental importance, but they should always be expressed in units which may be readily understood by the child. That the earth is about 25,000 miles in circumference conveys to the average pupil but a vague idea of its size. If the child can be taught, however, to appreciate the size of New York State, simple work in arithmetic will show that a square of paper one-third of an inch on each side will cover on a 12 inch globe an area equal to the State of New York.

The resourceful teacher will find many such ways of making concrete illustrations of important statistical statements.

### III Grand divisions

- 1 Position
  - a in hemispheres
  - b in zones
  - c in relation to bordering waters
  - d in relation to other grand divisions
- 2 Form
  - a in general
  - b in detail: (1) important projections, (2) important indentations, (3) chief islands adjacent
- 3 Size
  - a as compared with other continents
  - b as to range of latitude and longitude
- 4 Relief
  - a highlands: (1) hills; (2) mountains: ridges, ranges, peaks — (a) position, (b) extent
  - b lowlands: plains — (1) position, (2) extent
- 5 Drainage
  - a rivers and lakes described
  - b ocean
  - c gulf
- 6 Climate, is influenced by
  - a latitude
  - b prevailing winds
  - c relief features, the oceans and their currents
- 7 Products
  - a mineral
  - b vegetable
  - c animal
- 8 Political divisions
  - a name
  - b location
  - c boundaries
  - d comparative areas
- 9 Population

### IV Political divisions

- 1 Position
  - a in grand divisions
  - b by boundaries: (1) natural, (2) artificial

NOTE. The location by boundaries is meant to apply to the larger political divisions only.

- 2 Size
  - a approximate area
  - b comparative area
- 3 Relief
  - a general slopes
  - b principal highlands
  - c principal lowlands
- 4 Drainage
  - a important streams
  - b lakes
- 5 Climate of various sections
  - a temperature
  - b rainfall
  - c winds
- 6 Agricultural products
- 7 Mineral products
- 8 People
- 9 Industries
- 10 Manufactured products
- 11 Commercial routes
  - a rivers
  - b canals
  - c railroads
- 12 Government

In the preceding outline the topics for the study of a political division are given in logical order. Teachers sometimes prefer to approach the study of a state or locality through a consideration of its products, or its occupations and industries. Circumstances will frequently suggest desirable changes in covering an outline of study.

The following outline calls for a more intensive study of our own State than should be given to other states or political divisions:

## V State of New York

- 1 Location
  - a latitude and longitude
- 2 Boundaries
  - a natural
  - b political
- 3 Relief
  - a highlands
  - b lowlands

## 4 Drainage

a river systems: (1) St Lawrence to the Atlantic, (2) Ohio-Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, (3) Mohawk-Hudson, Delaware and Susquehanna to the Atlantic

b lake regions: (1) Adirondack, (2) central, (3) western

## 5 Climate of various sections

## 6 Mineral products

a salt

b stone: (1) Potsdam sandstone, (2) Medina sandstone, (3) limestone, (4) bluestone, (5) marble

c petroleum

d iron

e local mineral products

## 7 Agricultural products

a hay, alfalfa

b dairy products

c cereals

d orchard fruits

e small fruits

f grapes

g garden vegetables

h tobacco

i hops

j potatoes

k lumber

l minor products

## 8 Natural advantages

a New York harbor

b Hudson river

c mountain resorts

d lake and sea resorts

e water supply for ice and for city use

f water power

g natural thoroughfares

h forests

## 9 Population

a native

b foreign

- 10 Industries and occupations
  - a manufacturing
  - b commercial
  - c professional
  - d agricultural
  - e minor: lumbering, quarrying stone, brick making, ice cutting
- 11 Commercial and manufacturing centers
  - a natural causes that have determined their location
  - b natural causes that have contributed to their growth
- 12 Trade routes
  - a roads
  - b railroads
  - c canals
  - d rivers
- 13 Social agencies
  - a schools
  - b colleges
  - c libraries
  - d charitable institutions
  - e penal institutions
- 14 Government
  - a town
  - b county
  - c state

New York City should receive comprehensive treatment. Already the second city in size in the world, its unexcelled advantages for growth and commercial supremacy are worthy of study. Note its commanding position at the "gateway of the continent," its extensive water front and harbor facilities, its railroad connections with the interior, its own rapid transit arrangements, its varied manufactures, etc. Make a careful study of maps showing these and other facts worthy of attention.

## **VI Map drawing**

- 1 Copying
- 2 Enlarging by dividing the surface into equal rectangles
- 3 Upon a map base of parallels and meridians constructed according to some projection in general use

## VII Map construction.

1 Relief maps, such as: sand maps, and putty maps may be used sparingly to test the child's knowledge of areas studied. They should not be used to teach such areas originally on account of the unavoidable exaggeration of the facts of relief, etc.

### 2 Maps and diagrams for study

The list of such maps and diagrams which might be given is a very long one, and only a few of the more important ones are suggested.

- a Physical: (1) relief, (2) drainage, (3) temperature, (4) rainfall, (5) weather, (6) snowfall
- b Political and industrial: (1) county and state, (2) distribution of population as to density, (3) distribution of industries
- c Diagrams: (1) cross sections showing relief, (2) comparison of areas, (3) comparison of altitudes, (4) comparison of distances

### Additional suggestions

It should be impressed upon the mind of the training class pupil that the subject of geography should be approached, when possible, through the observation, experience and judgment of the pupil. The pupil should be encouraged and helped to make inferences, and as the work progresses there should be a considerable increase in his power to make correct deductions.

In beginning the study of a country, a glance at its range of latitude and longitude should suggest its approximate dimensions in miles; and when this is noted, its area, as compared with some well-known unit of size, like the State of New York, is readily determined. When there is added to such knowledge of size the knowledge of a country's position and physical resources, the child has in his possession all of the necessary data for making intelligent inferences.

Those who are preparing to teach should develop skill in rapid map drawing. The teacher who, in two or three minutes, can draw from previous knowledge an outline of some state or country and indicate thereon its natural and artificial boundaries, and its more important physical and political features, has a power which is not difficult to acquire, but which enables him to present a body of information that could not be expressed orally or in writing in a much

longer period. There is little to justify the requirement of such map drawing from children except when done upon a printed map base of parallels and meridians. But the teacher should have at hand, or should herself construct maps and charts from which the child through study may acquire a knowledge of the right relation of physical to political features.

Teachers of geography should keep informed concerning such current events as serve to illumine their work. Periodicals should be scanned for articles that deal with cities, countries, explorations, expeditions, travel, commercial and manufacturing enterprises, forest preservation, irrigation, mining, government changes, ways of living and other features that bear directly upon the study of geography. Clippings should be made or summaries written of such articles and these should be preserved for ready reference.

Pictures should be collected and filed. Now that reproduced photographs are generally used for book and periodical illustrations, it follows that such pictures are reliable witnesses. Pupils should be taught so to question a picture as to acquire the facts it portrays, and also to get from it the suggestions arising from close observation. The "story told by the picture" should be given in connected statements.

Care should be exercised in picture study to keep before the class the magnitudes involved, otherwise an accurate photograph may be very misleading. The pupil unaided can not be expected to see in an ordinary picture of the Rock of Gibraltar a mountain nearly 3 miles in length and over 1400 feet high, nor in a picture of the Colosseum a structure containing within its walls acres of space and capable of seating 84,000 people besides providing for a spacious arena.

Collections of specimens of the woods of the locality, its rocks and minerals, many of its agricultural and manufactured products, may be made. At little or no expense this supplementary material can be secured, and when properly used, will add greatly to the efficiency of instruction. Training class pupils should begin to make such collections for future use.

In every training class an intensive study of some feature or topic should be frequently undertaken, such as England, Paris, Rome, the Nile, Holland, the Panama canal, Mount Vesuvius. Such studies serve a double purpose. They make the pupils acquainted with the facts as well as the materials available for the

study, and also enable them to show how they would plan lessons of a similar sort for children of various ages.

It should be constantly called to the attention of the pupil that the physical conditions and agencies which determine life and promote civilization constitute the basis upon which must rest all study of geography. Hence, in those grades where these relations can be appreciated by the pupils, physical environment must always receive first attention. Latitude, the seasons, temperature, precipitation of moisture, prevailing winds, the influence of ocean currents, elevation, proximity of mountains, near or remote bodies of water, navigable waters, water power, forest area, natural thoroughfares and mineral resources are among the features to be considered in the study of any locality or country.



